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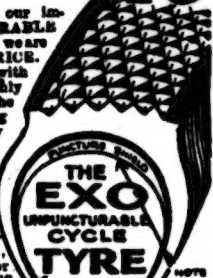


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MANY responsible statesmen are perturbed about the spirit in which France may approach the Five Power Conference.

Not content with withdrawing nearly all her gold from foreign countries and accumulating a large bank reserve, France has already undertaken extensions and improvements in all frontier lines, and an extra expenditure of nearly £9,000,000 on other naval construction has been authorised.

Apart from this, she has, of course, the largest and most powerful army in the world at her command and a huge trained reserve of blacks. It is, unfortunately, quite possible that she will enter the conference in a belligerent spirit, though it should not be impossible for the British and American delegates to persuade her that their intentions at least are pacific.

They want L.G.

Mr. Lloyd George's undoubted successes in recent Parliamentary debates have started among the more active of the unofficial Tories a scheme to bring the Liberal leader into a new coalition with the Conservative Party. The plotters believe that he can be tempted by the prospect of a return to power to repeat his tactics of 1918. The bait with which it is hoped to catch "L.G." is the offer of the post of Minister of Agriculture, and the promise of an opportunity to introduce a dazzling scheme for the revival of British farming.

Gift

Earl Beatty drew attention in our columns to the menace of foreign dumping to our fishing industry.

Nearly 3½ million cwt. of fish, representing an increase of 500,000 over the previous year's value, were landed in Great Britain from foreign ports during 1928, and the figures of 1929 will show little change to our advantage. Grimsby, the largest fishing port in the world, is about to construct a £500,000 dock, and much of this expenditure will eventually be borne by the local fishing-folk themselves. The foreign vessel owner reaps every advantage and pays nothing for tax.



Earl Beatty sees the danger of dumping

To remove hardships

Another "Widows' Pensions Amendment" Act is likely to be passed soon by the Government. The Minister of Health, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, and Miss Susan Lawrence, Parliamentary Secretary, are busy collecting evidence of further

France may be Awkward Lloyd George in a Coalition?

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anomalies, so that they can be set right.

M.P.s are being encouraged to place before the Ministry cases brought to their notice of widows who are still outside the scheme.

Figures and facts

It is almost certain that before the end of the spring we shall see an increase in the unemployment figures.

But this will simply mean that unemployed persons shut out from benefit under the old system of administration will become eligible for benefit under the new Unemployment Insurance Act.

It will not mean that there is more unemployment, but that more persons will be receiving the insurance benefits for which they have paid.

Work at the ports

Mr. J. H. Thomas is considering schemes which have been prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Shipping, and the Federation of British Industry.

These recommend that harbour reconstruction work should be undertaken immediately at Glasgow, Leith, Newcastle, Hull, Middlesbrough and Swansea.

The Minister for Unemployment is likely to agree to at least a part of the plans being carried out with Government assistance.

It is also suggested in the report that an attempt be made to revive trade at the hundreds of smaller harbours dotted about the coast now little used.

Our future Queen

Not everybody is aware that as the law stands at present the Duke of York's daughter, Princess Elizabeth, does not even presumptively stand in the succession. For the law says that an English King or the heir to the throne shall not be married to an English subject.

The enactment was made because of the terrible wars between rival English royal families at a time when the King was absolute ruler.

The reason for it has long since passed away. The English people are very keen now on royalty marrying at home, and the law should be changed.

There should be no delay. They say that one reason why the Prince of Wales remains a bachelor is that he

would prefer an English bride. Whether or no, he must be given a free choice. Think how an English Princess of Wales would be acclaimed.

Sankey not moody

So far the Lord Chancellor has compelled the House of Lords to take him on his face value. On his face there is a half-cynical, half-amused smile.

Smiling he sits, saying nothing beyond the needful formulae for the conduct of the business of the House, content otherwise with a listening rôle.

People, puzzled by the enigma, are wondering if he will be remembered as the Silent Lord Chancellor.

But there is no fear of that. Lord Sankey will hit—and hit hard—when he is ready. There will be no more talk of the weakness of Labour representation in the Lords when he gets going.

Dawdling along

Our recent comments on the antiquated machinery of Parliament are amply borne out by the dilemma in which Mr. J. H. Thomas now finds himself.

Mr. Thomas has induced local authorities to undertake all sorts of big development schemes to relieve unemployment. But before these schemes can be undertaken Parliamentary powers must usually be obtained.

The result is that there are now about eighty private Bills waiting to be passed by the House of Commons, and the machinery of Parliament is more clogged than ever.

Mr. Thomas has taken powers to expedite by six weeks the chief work-finding Bills, but even then not one of the development schemes involved can be started on before April or May.

The cost

The big Labour victories in the municipal elections last November have not proved an unmixed blessing to the councillors who gained seats.

Often they find it essential to attend every meeting, so as to secure a majority vote.

This means a sacrifice of wages on many days and half-days.

The National Union of Railwaymen has asked the Labour Party to request the Government to

bring in a Bill whereby these councillors will have their lost wages made up from public funds.

Still starving

Steps to supplement the assistance rendered in the coalfields by the Lord Mayor's Fund during the remainder of the winter months are to be considered by the Cabinet.



Mrs. Hamilton, M.P., took a leading part

The Minister of Health has been told by several of his influential supporters that present facilities are not nearly adequate to meet the distress.

Three women M.P.s — Dr. Marion Phillips, Mrs. "Molly" Hamilton and Miss Jennie Lee — have taken a leading part in the collection of evidence.

Some of that evidence is startling to a degree, and should cause action to be taken.

Communal coal-carts

When the Coal Mines Bill enters upon its Committee stage at the end of this month, Mr. Maxton and his colleagues will move an amendment to empower the retail sale of coal by municipalities.

As both the Labour Party and the Liberal Party are formally committed to the municipal sale of coal, there will be some fun when Parliament meets.

Bread and oil

Isviestia and *Pravda*, official organs of the Moscow Government and the Central Communist Committee respectively, are softening their anti-British propaganda considerably, but not necessarily from respect for the recently ratified pact.

There is logic of facts that is more compelling.

Birmingham, Burslem, Crewe and other Midland Corporations are buying the bulk of their petrol requirements from Russia. The total imports of Russian oils last year exceeded 200 million gallons.

Getting down to it

Our protests some weeks back concerning the delay in settling the form of war memorial to the Irish dead, for which £40,000 was raised by private subscription, have had a sequel.

Owing to Mr. Cosgrave's efforts it is now probable that between thirty to forty acres of land adjoining Phoenix Park, Dublin, will be laid out as a Garden of Remembrance.

Should Northern Ireland be unwilling to approve these plans, it is probable that a portion of the fund, which has now grown to £50,000, will be made available for the building of a hostel for ex-Service men in Belfast.

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Dark Donnybrook

The so-called All-India Congress does not impress us as the voice of modern India.

The hundreds of millions of natives are divided into about thirty nations, having widely differing languages and seven or eight principal religions; the most important—Hindu and Moham-medan—likely, if uncontrolled, to cut each other's throats.

There are 700 native princes, many of unknown character and doubtful administrative ability.

This Asiatic version of Donnybrook fair had no shape before Britain civilised it, and the handful of bickering agitators who make up the present congress speak for none but themselves.

Out-tugged

While Britain is the greatest shipping nation, the Dutch, it seems, claim supremacy in powerful ocean-going tugs.

When our liners break down, it is to the Dutch that our shipowners look for help. It was the *Zwarte Zee* that brought the broken-down tanker *San Gerardo* into Falmouth.

The same tug led the motor-liner *Aba* into Queenstown, while the Liverpool tug, *Gamecock*, steered her from astern.

The Dutch tugs, *Ganges*, *Rood Zee* and *Pool Zee*, towed a West India liner hundreds of miles to Falmouth.

Dutch tugs took the floating-dock to Singapore.

Dogs delight

Why should two missions, both under the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, be fighting cat and dog in one of the most poverty-stricken districts of Belfast?

A lot of money seems to go on competing advertisements which might be spent on the poor.

The Moderator of the General Assembly might intervene, pending the full investigation of this unseemly wrangle.

The spirit of life

Thomas O'Connell, who has just died in Birmingham, lost the use of his legs when he was two years old. Yet he supported himself and a comfortable home by his own efforts until his sixtieth year.

A certain woman, who is seventy-one, carried poison in her bag for twenty years. "Some day I may need it," she thought.

Now, lonely and destitute, she swallowed the drug, but the poison she had carried for twenty years had lost its potency. She lives—a failure even to the end.

Happiness in life comes only to the brave spirit.

Whispering murder

Another village suicide has been traced to poisonous gossip. It ought to be a criminal offence, punishable with six months' hard labour at least, to utter malicious slanders by word of mouth.

At present the only remedy is a costly High Court action, far beyond the reach of the poor.

Yet the offence is tantamount to murder at times.

Sleeping through it

There is no noise more annoying than the nerve-racking racket of pneumatic drills.

Appealed to, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research pleads that funds are too limited for proper investigation, and highway contractors are helpless.

Yet since last June a silencer that reduces the noise of a drill by half, and makes it work more rapidly, has been on the market.

Somebody seems asleep.

Death pays debts

Thirty years or more ago, a Carlisle boot-dealer, named Richard Bettam, went bankrupt, with liabilities of over £1,000, and creditors get elevenpence in the pound.

The bankrupt went to the Isle of Man, where he died recently, leaving a considerable fortune.

"If You See It—" continued

This came to the knowledge of the Official Receiver, who was able to obtain £2,316, enabling the debts to be paid in full with interest.

Why not amend the law so that estates with outstanding debts in bankruptcy could be raided before death?

Out with the truth

Although the Labour Government, like the Tory Government before it and the Coalition Government before



They turned down her application

that, has turned down the application of Miss Douglas Pennant for an enquiry into the circumstances in which she was dismissed from the command of the W.R.A.F.s, the last has not yet been heard of the matter.

A demand for action will be renewed from the Labour benches early in the new session.

M.P.s who are interesting themselves take the view that nothing but a full and frank disclosure can be regarded as satisfactory.

The pylon hunters

Everyone apparently approves the idea of electrifying the country, but no one seems to want the necessary pylons in their district.

First, Sussex rose to protest against the encroachment over the Downs, and now Lakeland folk are objecting to a similar trespass over their sacred beauty-spots.

The march of progress, unfortunately, often demands some sacrifice at the expense of the picturesque, though, in our opinion, the pylons are no disfigurement at all.

They certainly look better to us than a tumbledown cottage with a leaking roof.

Lesser court, greater penalty

A prisoner sentenced at Assizes or Quarter Sessions has the right of free access to the Court of Criminal Appeal.

If he has been sentenced at a police-court his only appeal is to Quarter Sessions, where the costs are in the neighbourhood of £40.

This rank injustice should be remedied.

A Scots monopoly

The Edinburgh Corporation, which runs its own trams and buses, has a short way with its competitors. As the licensing authority for the city, it refuses to allow motor-buses to operate on the streets unless they undertake to charge higher fares than the trams.

Trams are not subject to any real competition within the city boundaries, and motor-buses are able to exist only by running services to the neighbouring villages.

Meanwhile the people of Edinburgh are compelled to pay higher tram fares.

"Prisoner vanishes"

In our issue of December 23 we stated that Lt.-Col. H. K. Stephenson was chairman of the Bench of Sheffield magistrates which granted bail to a notorious American, named William Maynard, who was charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

We are informed that, although Col. Stephenson was in the chair at previous hearings of the charge when bail was refused, he was not present at the last hearing when the man was committed for trial and bail was granted.

We gladly give publicity to these facts, and express our regret to Col. Stephenson for the misstatement.

On good feet

A trade union experiment which is an example to many a muddled charity is the financially independent Industrial Orthopaedic Society, which maintains a workers' hospital in Golders Green.

Members of the society pay an entrance-fee of 1s. and a penny per week subscription, in return for which they can obtain the most up-to-date surgical and medical treatment for all injuries that render their work painful or impossible.

In the forty years of its existence the hospital's annual income has risen from £5,000 to £30,000.

To get injured workers back on their feet is a work of mercy; to make a hospital pay for itself is nothing short of genius.

His soul is his own

Mr. G. W. Hutchings will not see the humour of it.

A distress warrant was issued against him for rates. He is an old soldier, and goes about in a bath-chair.

The court exempted the bath-chair from the distress. And then the district rate-collector said that the chair belonged to the Ministry of Pensions.

Poor old soldier!

Cecil has the face

The Film Face Service—Harold Cecil, Principal—advertises for pretty girls for the films.

If you respond he (Cecil) says he is an expert, and he wants your photograph and 1s. 3d.

Don't send either. Cecil is entirely unknown to the film industry, and any advice he may tender won't get you a job.

There is no shortage of film girls (far from it!), and there are thousands of experts unemployed, though they have film faces.

Savings-bank interest

The Treasury has under consideration the possibility of increasing the rate of interest paid to depositors in the Post Office savings-banks. This is welcome news.

The already enormous sum of money deposited with the Post Office would soon be doubled if a fair rate of interest, instead of the stingy 2½ per cent., were offered.

A reasonable 4 per cent. would bring money which has now to be found in the City at a higher rate, and, incidentally, it would check the flow of the poor man's money to the share sharks.

Fine—and foul

Even the policeman who caught them out admits that Gladys Fleet's mother was ill.

And yet for supplying her, a non-member of the club, with a flask of brandy during prohibited hours the steward of the Tredegar Democratic Club was fined £10, the secretary was fined £5, and Gladys had to pay 10s.

Her brother, by the by, was a club member.

The offence was trifling in law and non-existent in morals.

For inflicting such fines the Bench deserve to be—refused their evening cups of cocoa at their respective clubs after hours.

Not on the calendar

When is something to be done to right matters among the office and court staffs at the Old Bailey?

From top to bottom, there is the same tale of overwork and underpayment. Pensions are unheard of even after thirty or forty years' service.

Yet if Sir Herbert Austin, the devoted clerk who gave his whole life to the work of the Central Criminal Court, had been entitled to a pension, he would never have come to that tragic end last year.

Nor would his widow be living in the shadow of poverty—and charity.

Another brain-wave lost

There being only about six coordinated movements of the lips in all languages, "talkie" dialogue can be

adjusted to get lip movements which fit phrases spoken in, say, English, German, Italian, and French.

Then, instead of having four productions of one "talkie," as is the case now when catering for the international market, you produce a "master" picture to which a synchronised dialogue in the four languages can be fitted.

This is the idea of Mr. Horace Shepherd, of Richmond, Surrey, but it is being exploited in France because Elstree thought nothing of it.

It makes possible a cut of one-third in costs.

Rustic chivalry

It was very sporting of the Shipley mason (name unreported) who paid the fine for a Shipley labourer, named Clavin, when they were jointly charged before the Bradford West Riding Bench with being drunk and disorderly at the Star and Garter, Shipley.

There had been a glorious scrap, and the mason was found by the police bleeding upon the floor. But it seems that Clavin hadn't wanted to fight. So the mason paid up.

The Bench did the rest by remitting the mason's own fine.

Not a fairy-tale

Ronald Gibbs, a stirring lad, of Bath Road, Emsworth, Hants, wanted to emigrate to Australia when he left school. He was turned down for weak eyesight.

Naturally this made him very patriotic, and last year he became a Territorial—8th Platoon, B Co., 6th Hants.

And now he is a Big Noise, for he has carried off the annual cup—for what? What d'ye think? For the best marksmanship in the platoon! He had never handled a rifle before.

And (see emigration rejection) his eyes were weak.

China's lodgers

The State Council of Nanking has announced that the foreign territories must "tremble and obey."

Nevertheless, the Powers intend to stay until the State of China improves.

This firm policy is necessary to safeguard European nationals, but on their part there must be more good will.

Until recently offensive notices reading, "Dogs and Chinese not allowed," appeared in some foreign parks, and there are still many gratuitous irritations offered to Chinese in the foreign settlements.

Husband and father!

William Cooker, of Thornaby, Yorks, is a callous, cowardly, lazy brute.

He is twenty-eight years of age, and after terrorising his three little children and trying to strangle his wife, he left them all to starve.

The last time he worked was in March. He hasn't looked for another job since. He's too fond of his bed to creep out and draw the "dole."

He has had a job of work found for him now: six months' hard. But flogging would be too good for a brute like him.

CRISIS—My Challenge

by SIR
HERBERT
SAMUEL,

Chairman of the
Coal Commission



"We are still ready to co-operate in the spirit of a Council of State"—Sir Herbert Samuel, Mr. Lloyd George and the Earl of Reading

to the Cabinet

SIX months ago, writing in JOHN BULL on the Coal Question, I dwelt on the danger of a crisis. The danger has come. But it is, for the time being at least, a Parliamentary and not an industrial crisis.

All are agreed that the earnings of the miners are too low and the profits of most of the mines are too small; very many of the mines, indeed, are working at a steady loss.

Most people are agreed that the miners' hours—eight and a half a day over the greater part of the country—are too long, if we take into account the nature of the work, underground, arduous and dangerous.

The British miners' daily hours are, in fact, the longest that are worked anywhere in Europe, and the shorter Saturday is no sufficient compensation.

And most people who are qualified to speak are agreed that the industry is not well organised; that six hundred separate undertakings are too many to be effective; that the coal could be better produced, with higher wages and higher profits and no increase of price, if the output were concentrated in the better mines, working full time, with transport and wholesale marketing and retail trade properly organised.

That is the situation. The Labour Party recognised it, and, while adhering to nationalisation of the mines as its ultimate aim, propounded, at its conference at Blackpool two years ago, an "immediate programme," in which reorganisation of the industry was an essential part.

A General Election took place. The Labour Government was formed. Six months were spent in deliberation and negotiation. And now, when a Coal Mines Bill is introduced, it is found to be something entirely different, something which no one had announced or had anticipated.

The "immediate programme" is no longer immediate. First place is given to proposals which not merely do nothing to help reorganisation, but which will undoubtedly do much to hinder it.

All mines are put on the same footing under the Bill—good and bad, modern and obsolete, well-managed and ill-managed. All are to be restricted in their production in an equal proportion.

Enterprise clogged

COMMITTEES of mine-owners are to fix a tonnage of output which may not be exceeded, and prices for the coal which may not be lowered. There is the merest pretence of a control over their decisions.

A mine-owner who ventures to produce more coal than is allowed him, or who, on account of having a better mine or practising more efficient methods, is able and willing to sell it to our manufacturers or the coal-dealers at a lower price than is fixed, is made punishable under the law.

The old mines are given a new vested interest by statute; if they are to be amalgamated with others, they will have to be bought at an inflated price; the public will have to bear this new burden in an increased cost of coal in the future.

Most amazing of all, the mine-owners are

to be authorised to make an addition to the price of coal sold in Great Britain in order to enable a subsidy to be given to coal that is exported abroad.

It seems to be considered a matter of national importance that the manufacturers of France, Germany, Belgium and other countries should obtain their coal from our mines at a cheaper rate than the British manufacturers with whom they compete.

Old and new ways

IT is said in defence that coal must not be sold below the cost of production. To do that is unjust to miners and to mine-owners alike. But what is meant by "cost of production"? The cost as it is, or as it should be?

Consider the conditions: In one mine there is a 2-ft. seam; the hewers work all day lying on their sides picking at the coal face; the workers may have to spend time every day walking underground the best part of a mile, or even more, to and from their working places.

In this mine the coal is hauled along the roads and up the shaft by primitive appliances, installed perhaps fifty years ago; the coal is badly prepared for sale and is transported in small quantities by wasteful methods.

The cost of production of a ton of coal under such conditions is one thing.

Take a great new colliery in South Yorkshire, for example, where, by a vast preliminary expenditure, deep shafts go down to thick seams of excellent coal; where machines undercut the coal face like knives cutting into cheese, and the hewers can pick down the coal in great blocks in quick time.

The mineral is carried away by electric conveyers on endless bands; the miners ride swiftly on underground tramways to and from their "districts"; the coal on the surface is carefully prepared for the market by the most scientific methods, before being despatched in train-loads at a time.

The cost of production is something very different there.

The one system cannot, of course, be suddenly and universally substituted for the other. Nor would the natural conditions allow it.

But gradually to concentrate production in

the better pits is plainly the line of salvation, not to preserve the old pits and cut down production equally all round as the Bill proposes.

The German and the Frenchman, with modernised pits and concentrated production, have been increasing their output year by year at the expense of our trade.

What do the methods of this Bill mean?

It is proposed to stereotype the industry as it now is; to preserve the inefficient pits by ensuring them high prices; to penalise the efficient pits by reducing their output, and so increasing their overhead charges.

Deadly shrinkage

IT is proposed to make up that loss, and to restore their profit by mulcting the consumer; to endeavour to preserve the export trade by stimulating it with a subsidy at the expense of a further increase in the price of coal at home.

All this will not, in the long run, provide more employment for the miners.

The demand for coal will shrink, steadily and inexorably; more and more ships will burn oil; every working-class household will use every device to burn less coal.

British manufacturers, hampered in their trade by dearer fuel, will find it harder to produce without loss. It will contract rather than expand their businesses, and they will consequently buy less coal, while foreign coal producers will continue to cut into our markets.

As the outcome of it all, the work for the miners will dwindle.

The Labour Members of the House of Commons are profoundly disappointed with this Bill. They had hoped and expected from their Government great constructive measures of reform, courageously conceived and skilfully framed.

Here, as in the other urgent industrial problem of unemployment, they have to admit that the country is being put off with makeshift, compromise proposals, presented with apologies as "first instalments," the later instalments being nowhere in sight.

To the criticisms of this Bill in the House of Commons their leaders, by general admission, offered no effective reply.

At the beginning of this Parliament the Prime Minister urged that the House of Commons should regard itself as "a Council of State," dealing with measures according to the general sense of the Assembly, and less as "arrayed regiments facing each other in battle."

Many of us have been very ready to respond to that appeal. We do not wish to see this Parliament wasted. We wish to see it accomplishing useful work.

Much as we dislike many of the leading provisions of this Bill, there are others which we support—particularly those relating to the miners' hours, and those for establishing a mixed Industrial Board to deal with wages and other matters.

We made it clear that we would acquiesce in the Bill passing its Second Reading, and in it being considered in detail in the Committee Stage, if the Government would give some assurance that its worst features would be changed and its chief omissions made good.

It must decide

THAT assurance was not given. We were compelled, therefore, to vote against the Bill, and it passed its Second Reading by the narrowest of majorities.

We are still ready to co-operate, in the spirit of a Council of State, in re-shaping the measure on better lines.

Whether that co-operation is to be accepted or rejected is for the Government to say.

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Fo'c'sles Like Pigsties—Teachers and "Girly" Boys—The Sleuth
was a Samaritan

ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY,
Lambeth Palace, London, S.E.

YOUR GRACE.—What a golden opportunity you lost in your broadcast sermon on the last Sunday of the old year!

Thousands of your fellow-countrymen were hoping that you would seize the occasion to call a halt to the useless theological bickerings which are being indulged in by your bishops and clergy. They hoped in vain.

I give you due warning, your Grace, that unless something is done, and that quickly, the organised religious life of the Church, which is now at so low an ebb, will go absolutely to the dogs.

JOHN BULL.

General Rt. Hon. J. C. SMUTS,
New York

DEAR JAN.—I am delighted to hear you say that you believe war is ended. But your grounds for such limitless optimism are unconvincing.

You hold that business combines are the greatest influence in aiding the cause of peace. But aren't there rival combines? And haven't some of the worst wars been caused by their rivalry?

If you hope that one big combine will rule the world, don't you foresee that there may come the most terrible of all wars to destroy that worst of all tyrants?

JOHN BULL.

Pt. Hon. GEORGE LANSBURY, M.P.,
Office of Works, London, S.W.

DEAR SIR.—I was heartily glad to hear you stand up for the morals of Hyde Park against those Pecksniffian people who go round nosing things out.

It is good to hear you say that it is a decent and wholesome place as there is anywhere in the land.

Of course it is. And anyhow it isn't the function of government to nose out immorality.

Its affair is to keep the peace, and to stop only such notorious public immorality as is a public nuisance.

JOHN BULL.

Sr WILLIAM CURRIE
President, Chamber of Shipping

DEAR SIR WILLIAM.—I am pleased to see your advocacy of the withdrawal of many of the older ships in the British Marine, though I am not actu-

ated entirely by the same motives as yourself.

I should like to see many vessels blown up, sunk or otherwise removed from the face of the waters because of their lack of hygienic quarters and sanitary accommodation are a disgrace to the nation.

So never mind why—scrap them, and scrap them quickly.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. GEORGE R. F. SHEE,
Royal National Lifeboat Institution

DEAR SIR.—You have every right to be proud of the record of your institution for the past year. The nation is proud of you.

To save a life a day was only part of a splendid achievement, for on the thirty-two vessels saved or helped to safety by British lifeboats were many more lives.

The service, too, is international; for among the rescued were Finns, Spaniards, Frenchmen, Belgians, and Germans.

Our hearts go out to the noble crews who man the boats. May they, and you, never lack funds to carry on the ceaseless fight with the terrors of the deep!

JOHN BULL.

Mrs. F. E. KEY,
National Union of Women Teachers

DEAR MADAM.—Your plea that a male teacher ought to be ready to work under a woman teacher does not stand by itself. It is complicated by the undesirability of women teaching big boys. Undoubtedly that is bad for the boys.

The whole question of co-education should be reviewed. Mixing the sexes produces a harder type of girl and a softer type of boy. Has that been a net gain?

JOHN BULL.

Capt. A. R. FRANCIS,
Brightlingsea, Essex

DEAR SKIPPER.—You have to face the ordeal of two enquiries, one by the American authorities and one by the British Board of Trade. You can face them unafraid.

When the sharp bows of the American *Algonquin* cut through the fog and came into collision with your ship *Fort Victoria*, three hundred lives were in danger.

"Women and children first" was the order, spoken quietly and so efficiently

obeyed that when the vessel capsized and sank not a soul was lost or injured.

You should be given another command as soon as possible.

JOHN BULL.

HENRY GERBER,
Whitechapel, London, E.

DEAR HARRY.—By refusing the "dole" and working to support your widowed mother, you found yourself before the Enfield magistrates, at the age of eighteen, for the technical offence of peddling without a licence.

There is no bitterness in this experience, because the publicity has brought you tributes from all parts of the country, to which I am proud to add mine.

JOHN BULL.

The Rev. D. J. ARTHUR,
Pyle Vicarage, Bridgend

DEAR VICAR.—It was sporting of you to defend greyhound-racing as a clean sport, apart from the gambling element, in the face of the frantic campaign of the unco' guid.

I shall be glad to hear what you have to say when you give your address on gambling.

I trust that you will point out what is the worst form of gambling—the wild traffic in shares which results in City crashes and the ruin of thousands at a time.

You will do that, won't you?

JOHN BULL.

Detective-Sergeant CRACKNELL,
Marylebone, London, N.W.

DEAR SERGEANT.—It is less unusual than the world knows to find a good Samaritan disguised as a policeman. But all the same it is good to hear of your finding a situation for a young man of twenty you had arrested for embezzlement.

Your action persuaded the magistrate to place the lad on probation on condition that he should refund the £13 10s. embezzled within a twelve-month.

I agree with the magistrate that such good deeds as yours are frequently performed by members of the Force; and as a rule with good results.

You may have saved a soul from hell. I trust that the lad will show you with pride a full receipt next New Year's Day.

JOHN BULL.



Sir ANDREW R. DUNCAN,
Chairman, Central Electricity Board

DEAR SIR ANDREW.—You are the nation's trustee in a vital matter. Cheap electricity, made available in every part of the country, means nothing less than the rejuvenation of British industries, transport systems and rural life.

Already several regional schemes have been completed—for which contractors have pocketed £9,000,000.

Your board is aware that no small part of that cost has been profit to a powerful contractors' "ring," whose operations hold up the advance of progress and increase the price ultimately to be paid by the consumer.

Smash this ring, even if it means buying foreign plant for a short space.

The cry of "patriotism" from gentlemen who hold the country to ransom is impudent, and the country will support you against them.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. D. H. LAWRENCE,
Florence, Italy

SIR.—James Delacey, manager of a bookshop at Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment and fined \$500 for selling your book, "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

From this well-merited punishment for hawking filth you can deduce what the author of it deserves.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shou'der

MISS WRIGHT (of Oldham): "An accident like marriage should not interfere with a girl carrying on her profession."

The interference is caused by what so many regard as the misfortune of motherhood.

MR. THOMAS JOHNSTON, M.P.: "Truce and the spider is an invention." Maybe. But such a parable of perseverance was surely worth inventing.

BISHOP OF NORWICH: "We are told that the world lacks leaders. I am more inclined to think that the leaders lack followers."

There are plenty of both—but both blind.

TOM GROVES, M.P.: "A grand baby in a poor man's house is better than a baby-grand."

Right! Or than a baby motor-car. But it takes more looking after.



POST OFFICE Gate-Crashers

I AM Sir G. Evelyn Murray:
No one can put me in a flurry.
For a Permanent Sec.
Would a permanent wreck
Soon become, if addicted to worry.
If a mail-bag perchance disappears,
And each newspaper snuffles and sneers,
I remain unaffected,
And cool and collected,
And quite undisturbed by their jeers.
For if some of my critics had been
Half my time on the Post Office scene,
Such things they'd accept,
In a manner adept,
As part of the weekly routine!
You will observe, my masters—for,
Like all members of the very Civil Ser-

vice, I am, if you

will excuse the
grim joke, your
humble and obedi-

ent servant—you
will observe that
mine is a philoso-

phic temperament,
as befits a man of
"letters."

As Permanent
Sec. to the Post
Office, I have seen
Postmasters—

General come and
go—heaven knows
where; but I go on for ever.

Indeed, it is this knowledge that the
Order of the Sack is not for high Gov-

ernment officials that enables them to
keep calm in the face of criticism.

Lately there has been a rash of head-
lines in the Press because, during the
Christmas rush, a reporter—who evi-

dent displayed great skill in disguising
himself as a useful member of society—

mingled with the temporary postal em-
ployees and strolled through the Mount

Pleasant sorting-office, where he could,
he says, have helped himself to any

number of letters and packages.
But this story is no proof of Post

Office inefficiency. We do not claim to
possess magic powers, denied to society

hostesses, for detecting casual "gate-
crashers" in the mail-rooms; but we

do claim that the Inner Shrines of the
Temple of Letters are guarded with ex-

ceptional skill.
This will be confirmed by any irate
telephone subscriber or sender of an

undelivered registered package who has
ever sought to interview one of the
higher officials.

I can, indeed, afford to smile at the
newspaper whose reporter penetrated to
the sorting-room, for when the same

paper tried to interview me about the
matter its representative could not even
pass the outer guard of sentries.

This is as it should be, for:
"Mount Pleasant" we call it.
And it is our aim
To see that the office
Lives up to its name.
All comers are welcome
Who pass this one test:
They bring no complaints
To endanger our rest.
No sentries will challenge
A well-behaved thief;
But a cit, with a grievance
Will soon come to grief.
The guards on our mail-rooms
May not be the best—
But our red-tape entanglements
Stand ev'ry test!

HUGE British Film Corporation Disclosures



Sir Walter B. Townley, K.C.M.G., who can be relied upon to straighten out things, if possible

Mr. Ludwig Blattner . . . "an enterprising ex-kinema proprietor"

A PUBLIC company which is giving its shareholders grave anxiety at the present time is the Ludwig Blattner Picture Corporation, Ltd., whose studios are at Boreham Wood, Elstree—Britain's Hollywood.

This corporation, which has an issued capital of more than £200,000, derives its name from an enterprising ex-kinema proprietor named Ludwig Blattner.

Ludwig Blattner certainly had a very ambitious programme when he migrated from Manchester, where he is extremely well known, and plunged into film production at Elstree.

The corporation was floated in May, 1928.

It had Sir Walter Beaupre Townley, K.C.M.G., as its chairman; the Rt. Hon. Viscount Esher, G.C.B., sat on its "Production Council," while Blattner himself occupied the dual positions of managing director and chairman of the council.

The prospectus which appealed to the public for capital was notable for a host of inspiring features.

The corporation was to carry out two agreements made between Mr. Blattner and itself for the acquisition of certain property on which to establish theatres, kinemas, etc.

Leading lady

Mr. Rex Ingram, the world-famous producer, was to be retained for the corporation's first super-film, in which his wife, Alice Terry, would play the leading part.

Half a dozen films were scheduled for production, and an important announcement was made that the corporation hoped to acquire the cinematograph rights of "Jew Suss," which, as everyone knows, has achieved outstanding success in literary and dramatic circles.

The annual profits were estimated at £104,400.

Mr. Blattner, who was described as occupying a foremost position in the kinema industry, and as having had eighteen years' experience, was stated to have subscribed for many thousands of shares.

His appointment as managing director was to be for five years, with the option of renewing for a similar period, at a salary of £5,000 a year.

Nearly two years have elapsed since hundreds of investors put their money into this venture, so it will be interesting to see how it has prospered.

One and only

So far it has produced only one film, and we have discovered that Mr. Rex Ingram long ago decided to have nothing to do with the corporation.

In a torrential downpour of rain a handful of shareholders journeyed to Elstree the other day to attend the first general meeting of the corporation, which was held in a small studio there, with Sir Walter Townley in the chair and Mr. Blattner at his elbow.

The outlook was as dark as the original prospectus had been bright.

Far from having any dividends to pay to the shareholders, it was disclosed that the corporation had calls in arrears to the extent of £83,927, of which Mr. Blattner himself was responsible for £44,000.

Called upon to give some explanation, Mr. Blattner gave the only explanation he said he could give.

"Some nineteen months ago," said he, "I came to London for the first time, and I hope it will be the last."

On this occasion, it appears, Mr. Blattner met "two well-known men"

who agreed to underwrite a large number of the corporation's shares, but they let him down.

"I would like to mention the names of those gentlemen," he later added, "but I regret that I cannot."

This explanation must have carried cold comfort to the listening shareholders, despite the fact that Mr. Blattner stated that he hoped to discharge his liabilities in full in due course.

It is not surprising that there were some stormy protests, particularly when Sir Walter Townley was asked how much money was available at the bank.

He replied that he did not know, except that it was "enough for their daily wants."

Further, when asked about a payment of £12,866 to Mr. Blattner in connection with rights acquired from him, Sir Walter replied that this was arranged prior to the company's formation, and, but for the provisions of the new Companies Act, would have been merely lumped under the heading of "preliminary expenses."

Now, amongst the assets belonging to this corporation are 172,000 shares in another film concern called Moviecolour, Ltd., of which Sir Walter Townley is also chairman, and in whose affairs Mr. Blattner and other directors of the corporation have been closely associated.

Stormy protests

Some severe criticisms were made at the statutory meeting of this company, held some time ago at the Hotel Cecil.

The amounts charged for "preliminary expenses" were roundly condemned by some investors, while others protested against the manner in which the name of the Eastman Kodak Co., of U.S.A., had been introduced into the prospectus.

It is important to note that, under an agreement between Moviecolour and the Ludwig Blattner Film Corporation, the latter was to receive £50,000 from the former, for taking all the colour film it required for five years.

Of this sum £43,000 has certainly been paid over to the Blattner Corporation, and in view of the latter's position, as revealed above, it is not altogether surprising that the Moviecolour shares are no longer quoted at anything like their par value.

Moviecolour has proved itself an artistic and technical success, but the company would appear to need a deal of reorganisation before the shareholders can hope for any dividends.

Missing profits

Another tragic collapse in British film enterprise is afforded by a concern, called Whitehall Films, Ltd., which was formed in November, 1927, to trade as producers, manufacturers and distributors of films also at Boreham Wood, Elstree.

Its capital of £200,000 was raised from the public without difficulty; but instead of the handsome profits that had been so confidently anticipated in the prospectus, the first accounts, published fifteen months after the company's inception, showed a net loss of £31,245.

Since then the position has grown gradually worse, and the concern is now in compulsory liquidation, with heavy liabilities.

Although the directors attributed the failure to their "lack of knowledge of the industry," the Official Receiver's candour goes a step further, for he asserts that the collapse was due to sheer mismanagement on their part.

The shareholders, who are not likely to get a penny of their money back, are obviously entitled to a fuller and more satisfactory explanation.

AVARICE on Stilts

AMBITION is but avarice on stilts, and masked," wrote Landor. An attractive booklet now being circulated by Messrs. Grant and Gray, Ltd., of St. Albans, Herts, has much to say about ambition—and most of it is masked.

Thus, on the first page we are met with the slogan: "Be Independent."

An appeal to ambition at once. "Have time and money to travel while still young enough to enjoy new scenes," we read, and: "Have a fine home of your own and an income that will permit you to entertain well."

And to back up these exhortations there are pictures of a fine ocean liner, steaming through sunny seas, and an attractive country residence, with pleasant, leaded windows.

On turning the page we are met with a sadder picture. A white-haired man sits dejectedly at a table, deaf to the encouraging appeals of the young woman at his side.

"It is our earnest hope," we read in the accompanying letterpress, "that no old friend of yours or of your parents is spending his or her latter days in a charitable institution."

Now, what are Messrs. Grant and Gray driving at? You will never guess. These contrasting pictures of opulence and penury, together with various

other features in the booklet, are mere masks.

Grant and Gray have a proposition, but it will not stand on its own legs, so has to be set up on stilts—and masked.

Theirs is the not very original plan that they shall teach you, by post, how to become a proficient showcard-writer.

A complete course of training costs £5 cash down, or £5 10s. if paid in instalments; but the "money back if dissatisfied" clause provides that the student must have completed the full course, and must have carried out all instructions contained in the course.

Grant and Gray claim that their organisation offers a great opportunity; but they do not say that their organisation has been registered little more than three months and is described at Somerset House as being established among other things to carry on the business of employment agencies for domestic servants.

Ambition may have prompted it to concentrate on showcard-writing, in which case it is ambition on stilts with a vengeance.

But we should be sorry for any young people who imagine that a fortune awaits them by learning showcard-writing at home under the supervision of this or any similar agency.

Daring Girl Masqueraders



Lord Barnby, President of the Prevention of Fraudulent Trading Association, should warn its members

Two DANGEROUS "OLD" Darlings

letter from a so-called "Mrs. T. G. Lyons, of the Palace Hotel, Torquay," asking for a selection of expensive gowns to be sent on approval to her suite at the hotel.

The letter had barely been received when the telephone-bell tinkled, and a cultured voice announced that Mrs.

Lyons would be passing the shop a little later and would look in to inspect the gowns, thus saving the firm the trouble of sending them up to the hotel.

When "Mrs. Lyons" duly arrived she turned out to be a pleasant old lady, wearing a handsome fur coat over a black silk dress, suitable to a woman of her advancing years.

She walked with a slight limp, leaning heavily upon a tall walking-stick, and her air was that of a woman of breeding.

Having finally selected a new gown, "Mrs. Lyons" announced that she would be returning to town on the following day, and would be going to her permanent address, which she gave as "Rivermead," Bridge Road, Maidenhead.

While the bill was being made out, "Mrs. Lyons" fumbled in her handbag and produced a cheque and some Bank of England notes, which she handed absently to the cashier.

The cashier immediately drew her attention to the fact that she had tendered far too much money, whereupon "Mrs. Lyons" became quite flustered and apologetically explained that she couldn't understand it.

Then, on glancing at the cheque, enlightenment dawned upon her—her husband, she hastily pointed out, had made out the cheque for twice the amount she had expected.

Limped away

The cashier handed her the bank-notes, cashed the cheque for her, and gave her several pounds in change. So, thanking the management for its courtesy, Mrs. Lyons limped slowly out of the shop.

All was well until the cheque, which was drawn on the Maidenhead branch of the Midland Bank, came back inscribed "No account," and with the intimation that it was one of many that had been similarly cashed by unsuspecting tradespeople in different localities.

We are able to reveal that all the cheques thus broadcast have been taken from one book that was originally obtained by false pretences.

"Mrs. Lyons" is quite unknown at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, as a guest, having simply helped herself to a

piece of notepaper from the public lounge.

But that does not end the story.

At the very moment when this dear old soul was so cleverly bringing off her coup, her sister in crime, similarly dressed and looking just as innocent, was operating in an adjacent store.

There, in the name of "Mrs. J. G. Lyons," the sister succeeded in passing another cheque, thereby adding considerably to the day's takings.

This cheque was another from the same book, and was likewise returned dishonoured after the dear old soul had got safely away with her spoils.

Luxurious life

And now comes the most amazing revelation of all.

While the Lyons sisters are exceptionally evasive, they are not unknown to the police.

They have been the subject of innumerable complaints from victimised traders, and are really two very astute adventuresses, who use a variety of aliases.

Instead of elderly women, they are two energetic young persons still in their twenties.

Drab attire is their "working" dress only; their saintly grey hairs are wig; and their gold-rimmed glasses, walking-sticks and limping gait are all part and parcel of a clever make-up.

Off duty, they dress in the height of fashion, and live luxuriously on the generous income that their frauds bring them.

The CHEQUE-BOOK BROTHERHOOD

DAPPER and innocent-looking two young men of twenty-four, who pose as commercial travellers, are touring the country, gulling people right and left. Recently they paid a flying visit to Bristol, putting up at a large hotel in the names of Arthur Brotherhood and Arthur R. Spencer.

They carried several small attaché-cases, and the manager saw no reason to doubt their story that they had come to Bristol on a sales campaign.

After two days' residence, they approached the manager and frankly admitted that they were temporarily short of ready money.

They had, however, a cheque for £33, and though they knew that it was unusual, they would be most obliged if the manager could see his way to cash it for them.

The cheque was drawn on the Portishead branch of the National Provincial Bank and made out in favour of "Arthur R. Spencer, Esq."

The manager advanced £10, agreeing to let them have the balance as soon as the cheque was cleared. But by the time the cheque had come back dishonoured, the two young travellers had gone.

The cheque was one stolen from a previous victim in Portishead, whose name they have since misused.

This is only one of scores of complaints that have been received about these partners in crime, who in a remarkably short space of time, have visited a large number of provincial towns.

They vary their aliases at will, but the fact that they always work together on the lines indicated should serve to put people on their guard.

Victims of the PIG RAMP

MY readers will recall the various exposures in JOHN BULL of a pig-breeding scheme conducted by Little Wadhurst Farm, Ltd.

That they were fully justified is proved by the fact that the company is now in liquidation, with the probability that the unfortunate creditors will get less than a shilling in the pound.

The "brains" of this venture is an American named Henry Guy Mather, an undischarged bankrupt, rum-runner and dubious financier, who has operated in England for some years. He requires a little further publicity.

In the space of twelve months the Little Wadhurst Farm (Preston), Ltd., has dissipated £56,673 4s. 10d., of which £47,691 7s. 7d. may be considered as a total deficiency, the assets being problematical.

My readers will probably gasp when they learn that this company only possessed 2s. in paid-up capital, yet proposed to erect a pig-farm at a cost of £17,500.

Moreover, the company does not appear to have been the lessee or tenant at any time of the land on which this farm was to be built, while to-day the

Weekly Informations from SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

value of the buildings is estimated at only £500.

The actual scheme put up to the public was that the company should rear pigs on investors' behalf.

Two classes of pigs were offered, a £3 pig and a £5 pig, a return of £3 7s. 6d. and £6 respectively being promised at the end of six months.

About 300 deluded people thus became the owners of pigs they never saw, one man in India being involved to the extent of £1,000.

According to the company's offer, the pigs were supposed to be fully insured; but this was never done, and it is estimated that swine-fever has lost investors between £12,000 to £14,000.

I can heartily endorse the Official Receiver's comment that the pig-purchase scheme was a "mischievous invention," obviously designed to lure people into parting with cash to finance an insolvent company which never possessed any capital of its own, while purporting to give them a mythical and worthless security in pigs.

But while things look so black for

the investors, Mr. Henry Guy Mather seems to have done at least one good stroke of business for himself.

Being allotted a number of shares for considerations other than cash, he managed to sell a block of them to a Birmingham man for £6,000.

Yet another of Mather's companies, called Piggeries (No. 1), Ltd., was floated last March to run a restaurant and dance-hall in Chatham.

I know of two women living in Sunderland who were urged to take up certain 10 per cent. debentures issued by this company at £5 each.

In all, £15,000 worth of these debentures were offered to investors, and the two women in question parted with all they could spare and took up twenty of them.

In view of the fate of the parent company and the other subsidiary companies I have mentioned, the anxiety of the investors will be understood, particularly as one of the two signatories on all the debenture certificates they now hold is Mr. Henry Guy Mather.

The whole story of the Wadhurst Farm flotations is a scandal, and Mr. Mather's activities should be investigated to the utmost.

A BARBAROUS PRISON PARADE

Exposed by an M.P.

HAVE just witnessed a disgraceful spectacle. It can be seen on many railway-stations up and down the country (writes Mr. Arthur Shepherd, M.P.).

Awaiting a train on Durham railway station platform, I saw a local train from Newcastle. A crowd gathered and commenced to hurry to one exit.

I noticed one part of the rushing stream of passengers eddying round an obstacle which appeared to be retarding its progress.

It has to be something very unusual that can make North Country business people pause in their progress when they are in a hurry.

And this is what I saw:

A line of men handcuffed to a chain, men on whose faces (with two exceptions) were written desperation and humiliation. They were young men, one was over forty. The youngest was placed at about eighteen.

Not the first time

They were variously dressed—the youngest in well-creased, light flannel trousers and well-cut tweed coat; the others in clothes that placed them in the artisan class, such as bricklayer, painter, motor-driver.

The two exceptions were obviously hands, who were not experiencing the first time this strange relic of barbarism which unnecessarily exposes prisoners to the public gaze. They did not care; one even had the

temerity to wink at the crowd. To him it was just part of the game of ins and outs.

But the others—I will stake my judgment that they were first offenders.

Their faces and general bearing plainly testified that they were still in the state of wonderment that so few of us can disguise when we meet with an unexpected disaster that is altogether outside any previous experience.

Officers disgusted

There were two burly, uniformed officers in charge of this chain-gang, and it is to their credit that the look upon their faces denoted disgust with their job.

They did the only thing possible to ease the situation under such circumstances—they halted their prisoners until all the outgoing passengers were clear of the barriers, and then hustled them into the awaiting "Black Maria."

There was one satisfactory feature of this ghastly business—they had travelled from Newcastle in a specially reserved compartment.

But what had been seen by dozens at Durham during the transference from train to van must have been seen by hundreds at Newcastle during transference from van to train.

I talked to a railway official about it. He, too, expressed disgust. He had to witness it almost daily, he said, and added a fresh light upon the injustice of the thing by reminding me that possibly some of the prisoners



The chain gang is familiar to people in uncivilised Abyssinia, but that we should find it in enlightened England is shocking



Mr. Arthur Shepherd, M.P.—
"Some of them were old hands, but the others, I stake my judgment, were first offenders"

He is a young married man who, after several years of illness and unemployment, obtained a good job.

Then for two years he and his wife put up a truly heroic struggle to pay off the terrible load of debt that had accumulated.

And only those who have experienced such a grim struggle as that must have been can appreciate the sacrifice and self-denial entailed to husband, wife and children.

They had succeeded in all but one respect—arrears of rates.

The man was arrested and placed in the local prison-cell for the night.

Not a criminal

Next day he was transferred to jail via the local railway station, along the passages and platforms of which he was exhibited, handcuffed to two other prisoners.

In no sense was he a criminal, since inability to pay a civil debt is not yet a crime.

He had never been in trouble before. He was just an ordinary, hard-working citizen, much more sinned against than sinning.

Yet he was exposed like a common criminal handcuffed to other prisoners in the railway-station of his native town.

Against the police concerned I make no complaint. They allowed his wife to speak to him on the platform, and also they removed the handcuffs from him when the train moved out of the station.

I submit that such people as he receive two punishments for their offence.

They receive the proper punishment inflicted by the magistrate, whilst a stupid, cruel and inefficient system adds to it exposure and humiliation in public.

Black shame

And of the two, the public humiliation is to 99 per cent. of prisoners much more severe than the punishment.

The national conscience has long since abolished public exposure in stocks on our village-greens and market-squares. We cannot now do less than abolish public exposure on railway-platforms.

We must wipe out the black shame of our chain-gangs.

Exploits of the "Refaned"

Miss Gibbs

A KENSINGTON woman recently advertised for a companion-help, and by far the most impressive of the applicants who called for an interview was a woman in the early thirties, who gave her name as Miss Elsie Gibbs.

She was most "refaned," and the references she produced covered a period of years and testified unanimously to her sterling qualities.

Being duly engaged, Miss Elsie Gibbs entered the Kensington lady's household, and proceeded to endear herself to her mistress by her charmingly unassuming manner.

For two weeks she carried out her duties to perfection, and the Kensington woman was congratulating herself on having secured a "perfect treasure."

Then came a day when the prim, patient, golden Miss Gibbs was not to be found.

The mistress searched the house for her in vain, but made one startling discovery after another.

Her purse, containing a number of money notes, was missing; her jewellery showed that it had been rifled, and numerous articles of expensive clothing had disappeared.

When the mistress reported the matter to Scotland Yard, a photograph of the missing Elsie was shown her, and she learnt that the girl was a well-known touring criminal, against

whom warrants were out in many parts of the country.

Elsie Gibbs makes a practice of answering advertisements for companion-helps, and always makes a point of insisting on jobs with "refaned" families.

She has quite recently robbed people in the names of Gordon, Cameron, Wright, and Goldsmith, and she will go on doing so until women employers insist upon personally confirming references.

Mythical Millions

THERE are indications that the unclaimed-fortune trick is again being practised extensively by certain ingenious individuals who, operating from the United States, circularise people in this country in an endeavour to persuade them to believe that they are heirs to unclaimed millions.

Of course, cash is required to fight the claim, and people approached are invited to subscribe to a fund for that purpose.

Family names that have lately been exploited are Blake, Townley, Metcalfe and Drake, the latter having long been a favourite with the fake-fortune sharks.

Anyone who is approached in this way should immediately report the matter to the American Consul-General in London, who is already amassing a remarkable number of complaints.

WORLD-IMPORTANT HEALTH DISCOVERY.

"Beltona"

Heralds the Dawn of a New Day for
all whose Joints are Locked by
ARTHRITIS, RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA & GOUT

or who are Disabled by Lumbago,
Neuritis, or Similar Crippling Disorders

Readers of this paper invited to benefit at once

AMONG the remarkable discoveries of recent years, very few are likely to be remembered with greater gratitude in thousands of homes than "Beltona," the amazing solvent lotion which has begun a new era in the treatment of Arthritis and all Rheumatic and inflammatory conditions.



Mr. E. Belton, the discoverer of BELTONA, the remarkable New Remedy for Arthritis, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Lumbago, etc.

Discovered by Mr. E. Belton, of Hoddesdon, Herts, it has already been through the ordeal of an exhaustive trial in many exceptionally severe cases of Arthritis and other painful and disabling disorders of the joints, muscles and nerves. And it has come out of that ordeal triumphantly.

Joints locked for years by Arthritic accumulations have been freed. Men and women who had resigned themselves to being rheumatic cripples for life can walk unaided. Swollen and distorted hands, feet, and limbs have returned to their normal size and shape.

SINKS DEEPER AND DEEPER WITH EACH APPLICATION.

The explanation of this extraordinary success in cases so hopeless that doctors and hospitals had given them up as incurable, is to be found in the astonishing penetrative powers of "Beltona." It soaks into the tissues almost as easily as ink into blotting paper, sinking deeper and deeper with each application, until it reaches the deepest-lying seat of pain and inflammation.

PAIN QUICKLY SOOTHED AND INFLAMMATION SUBDUED.

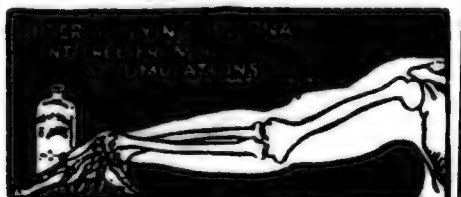
Directly the lotion is applied it commences to soothe the pain and subdue the inflammation, and in from 10 to 15 minutes relief is obtained even in the severest cases of Arthritis, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Neuritis, and all inflammatory conditions. Then, as every application sinks deeper into the tissues, it reaches, breaks down, and washes away the obstinate uric acid accumulations, fibrous thickenings, pulpy matter, etc., which are setting up the inflammation and causing pain, swelling, distortion and locking of the joints.

GETS RIGHT TO THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE.

"Beltona" thus attacks the trouble at its source, and joints that were locked by Arthritic deposits work as easily as a well-oiled hinge—the cramped muscles regain perfect freedom of movement—the tortured nerves no longer cry out in pain. All this is proved by the voluntary testimony of thousands of men and women who feel it their bounden duty to tell others what marvellous works of healing "Beltona" has achieved.

4,000 LETTERS HEAP PRAISES ON "BELTONA."

The Remedy that is Restoring to Use Hands, Feet and Limbs Crippled for Years.
Every reader of these columns who is suffer-



ing from any type of Rheumatic ailment, or

THE LETTERS WHICH ARE REPRODUCED HERE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THE ORIGINALS BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CERTIFIED AS GENUINE COPIES OF PATIENTS' OWN REPORTS.

stiff, painful, swollen and inflamed joints or muscles, should carefully study the remarkable letters which we are privileged to publish for the benefit of readers of "John Bull." They are typical of nearly 4,000 entirely unsolicited letters heaping praise upon "Beltona" for its amazing work in restoring to use hands, feet, and limbs crippled for years.

LADY SENT HOME FROM HOSPITAL AS AN INCURABLE CRIPPLE, NOW WALKS WITH EASE.



70, Grosvenor-rd., Easton, Portland, Dorset.
Mr. Belton.—Dear Sir,—In December, 1927, I was suffering from severe pains all down the left side. I tried several remedies, but all failed. My hip started to grow out and I became doubled up. I had my hip X-rayed, which showed I was suffering from Arthritis and gout. I had electrical treatment for six weeks without improvement, and was sent home in June, 1928. I decided to give "Beltona" a trial. I got relief from the first bottle, and began to get upright again. I can get about without a stick and am able to carry out my household duties.
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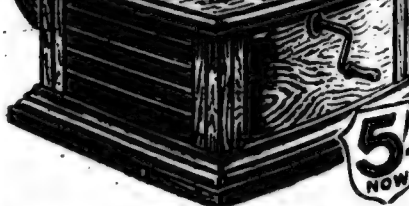
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And the Indian Congress says: "No, we won't come to your conference. We won't meet with you or talk with you. Get out."

Even poor Mr. Gandhi only narrowly escaped being blown away by his violent comrades.

He insisted on the rebel declaration being accompanied with an expression of satisfaction that Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, had escaped with his life from the bombers, and he only carried his point by some 900 votes to 700.

In other words, nearly half the congress practically gave a vote endorsing assassination as an instrument of rebel policy.

Hindu politicians

It looks a black picture and is a black picture. But we must not get into a panic about it. We must keep cool heads here to deal with the hot-heads at Lahore.

And, in the first place, Mr. Wedgwood Benn and the Government will do well to remember that the Indian Congress is not India. It no more represents India than, let us say, the Church Congress would represent England or the Fabian Society would represent England.

It is a gathering of politicians mainly drawn from the Hindu community. To suppose that it represents India as a nation is nonsense.

All the great Indian interests would repudiate the Lahore Declaration of Independence as mere irresponsible frivolity that had no relation to the real feelings of India or the needs of the situation.

And frivolity it is. If Britain were to go out bag-and-baggage to-day, India would be in disruption to-morrow.

It would split into a hundred fragments, and all the bitter racial and sectarian factions would be plunged into a maelstrom of conflict and chaos by comparison with which the condition of China would be peace and quietness.

Homely Wisdom—by

CANON R. J.

CAMPBELL, D.D.

A WORD of CHEER

POOR old Clemenceau, the great French War Minister, who died recently, has left a great quantity of reminiscences behind him, some helpful and some the reverse.

One thing he tells is that during the visit he paid to the East after his retirement from public life he came into intimate contact with forms of religious faith he had known nothing of before.

Being an invincible sceptic, he regarded them all as illusions, but found some things to admire in them none the less.

He was particularly struck by a charming story of a Hindu monk who was to preach on a certain day at a certain place, and whom thousands of people gathered to hear.

The crowd assembled and waited patiently for the discourse to begin, but the holy man stood silent with his face upturned to the sky, and paid no attention to the multitude squatted around him on the ground.

His attitude awed the people to such a degree that they became very still and expectant, all noise was hushed, not even a whisper being heard.

Following their preceptor's gaze, all present looked upward and quickly realised what the monk was listening for. A lark was carolling sweetly in mid-heaven.

The trilling notes of the feathered

If an ascendancy emerged from the welter, it would not be a constitutional ascendancy.

It would be a military ascendancy established by the fierce fighting tribes, mainly of the Moslem creed, who would cut through the more intellectual but more flaccid mass of Hinduism as a sword cuts through butter.

Whatever the grievances that India can justly lay to the charge of British rule, the fact remains it is that rule which has given India peace, a security, an ordered government and a freedom from external attack that hardly any other country in the world, certainly none in the Eastern hemisphere, has enjoyed.

Never dreamed it

It has been the linch-pin that has kept the whole vast structure together. And the day that the linch-pin is removed, that day the structure will collapse into its elements.

It has been my experience in the last thirty years to know intimately most of the leading figures in Indian politics, from Gokhale, the ablest of them all, Bannerjee, Basu, Lajpat Rai, and Sinha to those of more recent date.

Not one of them, however deep his discontent, ever entertained as conceivable from the Indian point of view the disappearance of British influence from Indian affairs.

I do not believe that even a dreamer like Gandhi regards such a withdrawal as thinkable.

I am sure that the bulk of those who were proclaiming independence at Lahore would be in a panic if they



"Gandhi only narrowly escaped being blown away by his violent comrades"

thought we should take them at their word.

What this demonstration means is that they are bargaining for the maximum concessions. They have got the promise of Dominion status, and they want to force the hand of Mr. Benn, the Viceroy and the Government to give it fully, speedily and unequivocally.

Playing with fire

They hope to scare us into instant surrender by their threats. In this they are playing recklessly with dangerous weapons.

There are explosive and criminal elements in India that are being encouraged to adopt perilous courses by the wild language and incitement uttered at the congress, and by the extravagant expectations to which the congress has given its sanction.

We must be neither scared and intimidated on the one hand, nor provocative on the other. The hot air of the congress must be ignored. If there is violence it must be suppressed.

If there is a widespread policy of non-co-operation and boycott it must be combated as it has been combated before, until the folly has worn itself out.

Meanwhile let us get on with the fulfilment of our pledge to the fullest extent to which the safety of India will permit us to go.

When the Simon scheme is ready let us summon the conference, and let every Indian interest that will come both from British India and the native States be represented.

Give justice

If the Indian Congress refuses the invitation, that is its affair.

India is a widely different thing from the Indian Congress, as that body will speedily learn.

So long as we do justice to India, meet all its reasonable claims, and show that we have no interest but its welfare, we can be indifferent to the Tailors of Tooley Street who seem to have removed to Lahore.



Sir Phiroze Sethna, the President of the National Liberal Federation of India

IF there is one member of the Government with whom I should be less disposed to change places than Mr. Thomas, it is Mr. Wedgwood Benn.

"He that is down need fear no fall," as Bunyan says, and Mr. Thomas has come such a cropper that he may well take the view that nothing worse can happen to him, and that if there is any change it must be for the better.

But Mr. Wedgwood Benn's troubles have only begun. He has a volcano on eruption to deal with, and if he is not swept away in the torrent of lava he may consider himself fortunate.

On the face of it, the volcano has got out of hand.

The Viceroy's undertaking that the aim of British policy is to give India Dominion status—that is, complete self-government within the British Commonwealth—has not stopped the lava stream. It has apparently only given it new force and volume.

The Viceroy himself has come within an ace of being blown up by the physical force party.

Freeze-out

The Indian Congress, instead of saying, "Thank you for the promise of Dominion status," has said:

"Thank you for nothing. We don't want Dominion status. We won't have Dominion status. We demand complete independence, and if we don't get it we will make the whole government of India impossible. We won't pay taxes. We'll boycott your trade. We'll freeze you out of India."

It goes even further. It refuses to discuss the subject with us.

At this moment Sir John Simon is drawing up the report of his commission which has been engaged for the past eighteen months in considering a new scheme of government for India.

When that report is issued in March the Government proposes to summon a round-table conference of British and Indian representatives to come to an agreement.



"This fierce old man of action"

songster were the only sound to be heard for a considerable time. When it ceased the monk turned and faced his audience. "The sermon has been preached," he said, and went away.

Clemenceau admitted that he was greatly impressed by the incident, and I think I can see why.

This fierce old man of action saw that there was something in Nature itself that made for joy if poor harassed human nature could but be tranquil enough to let it tell its tale.

As I once heard Annie Besant say, life in its essence is joy; it only becomes pain when thwarted.

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I do not think I exaggerate. I was in the House not long ago when Mr. Ben Turner, Secretary of the Mines Department, was making a speech.

"Making" is not quite the right word; he was reading a speech that had been carefully prepared for him by his permanent officials.

Behind him sat forty miners, every one of them men who knew from hard experience the problems being discussed. They had never been consulted. All they had to do was to record their votes at the proper time.

Is it any wonder that such men

spend half their time in the smoking-room, breaking their hearts with the thought of their own ineffectiveness?

Isn't it about the most foolish waste of knowledge and talent that could be imagined?

But let us get right down to practical suggestions for reform. Let us see what could be done to make Parliament really effective.

I suggest, first, that a Member should be required to live in the constituency he, or she, proposes to represent. There is no other way in which people can really know that their representative has the knowledge and ability they need.

I would go even further, and say that no one should be permitted to be a Parliamentary candidate unless he has first proved, by examination, that he understands at least the elements of finance, economics, and the other subjects on which he will be called upon to give judgment.

If you think this is fantastic, go to the House of Commons and listen to some of the speeches. They have to be heard to be believed!

I have never been able to understand why gl'ib ignorance should be a passport to Westminster.

Use their knowledge

Every Member on reaching the House should be asked to state in what he is specially interested and in what he is really expert. It would be the easiest job in the world to group the Members into committees on these lines.

To do so would give the private Member a real incentive to work, and it would save much, if not all, of the time-wasting that now masquerades under the name of "debates."

And each such committee should be in daily touch and daily consultation with the Minister most nearly concerned. In this way the specialised knowledge of Members would be fully utilised. Now, it is mostly wasted.

I think, too, the time has come when the question of separate Parliaments for Scotland and Wales should be seriously considered.

Modern legislation has become so complex that Westminster is clogged and hampered repeatedly with business that is obviously "local" and not truly national.

There is still another thing that the necessities of modern life have brought

right to the front of discussion—that is, the possibility of establishing an Industrial Parliament to deal with purely business affairs.

What, for instance, have the mines to do with politics? What have the railways to do with politics? What has any business undertaking to do with politics or politicians?

Why should not business and industry have its own properly elected and properly constituted Parliament to regulate its own affairs, and so relieve Westminster of much of its present confused and ignorant attempts to settle business problems on political lines?

In the dungeons

Purely national business, national finance, social services, definitely social legislation, foreign affairs and the like would take all the time and ability politicians had. They could well be spared the rest.

We are getting into a bigger mess every day with our affairs because we are trying to run a modern nation with an antiquated piece of machinery.

The way more and more of our vital business is being relegated to the dungeons of the bureaucrats is proof in itself that the time for overhauling the House of Commons is overdue.

It could, of course, be objected that any or all of these proposals would immediately destroy the political Parties and would relegate Party politics to the ash-can. Well, who cares?

Does anybody, except those who put Party before nation and who prefer sham fights to real business?

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Eyes opened

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It was proved then, beyond dispute, that when Party politics were submerged beneath national necessity things got done.

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If in the process some traditions are shattered, I do not know that we shall be any the worse for it.

Votes—that's all

New men enter the House full of enthusiasm and overflowing with sincerity. It does not take them many weeks to discover that neither enthusiasm nor sincerity nor knowledge are saleable commodities in the House.

Votes—votes at the right time and the right lobby—these are all the realities that are wanted.

Yet I suppose it would be hard to find a body of men who represent so much knowledge, skill and real technical ability as the 615 Members of Parliament.

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Well, now you have wakened up, now is the time to begin. Because you are you, because you are an individual who is not quite like any other individual in the world, there is something that only you can do—and it is up to you to find out what it is and to do it.

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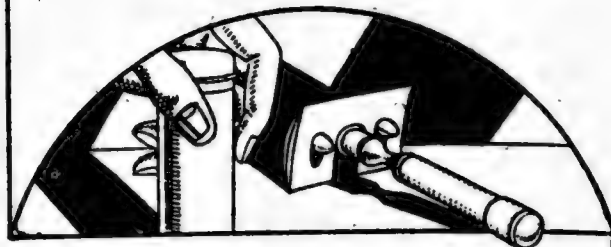
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OFFICIAL police statistics are not yet available for 1929, but the public has sufficient information to know that the year has been a bad one for both Scotland Yard and the provincial constabularies.

Six murders committed during the year are unsolved, and enormous sums of money have been abstracted from the pockets and safes of honest citizens by a variety of criminals who are still enjoying the sweet air of liberty.

None blames the members of the police, who can be depended on at all times to uphold their reputation. We do blame the system, which, taken nationally, consists of a disjointed collection of hole-and-corner bodies with no real central control.

Contrary to a fairly wide belief, Scotland Yard has nothing to do with the policing of the provinces, although Scotland Yard officers may be requested by local Chief Constables to assist in the unravelling of difficult problems.

The policing of the country is in the hands of the London Metropolitan Police, the City of London Police, and a multitude of smaller forces for the various cities, counties, towns and boroughs.

London has its Commissioner, Assistant-Commissioners, and Chief Constables, directly responsible to the Home Office. The counties have their Chief Constables under Standing Joint Committees of the County Councils, while the city, town, and borough police heads are at the command of the local Watch Committees.

WITH such a horde of officials, either administering the police forces or controlling them, is it any wonder that the clever criminal, who has no local prejudices, and is not confined in his operations by county or city boundaries, has such an excellent chance of getting away with it?

The absurdities of the present system and the advantages of unified control under one central authority are too obvious to need stressing. Not only would the unification of the forces effect great economies, but efficiency in personnel would be enormously enhanced.

In this latter connection there have been many sad instances of the failure of local Chief

Constables to avail themselves of the services of experienced specialists from Scotland Yard.

Similarly there must be scores of men in the towns and counties who have a natural genius for particular branches of detection which they have no opportunities of developing.

Unification we must have. And when it does come, it will be an excellent opportunity to rid the police of the pernicious influence of the politicians, exercised by each succeeding Party in power through the Home Office.

There should be no politics in the police. What is wanted, in place of Home Office rule, is a committee appointed by and answerable to the Privy Council—above Party and unaffected by the currents of political intrigue.

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THE absorption of omnibus companies by the railways is not working out to the advantage of the public. The squeeze-out is going on steadily, but there is no parallel improvement in the conditions of railway travel. Strap-hanging is worse than it was

Railway Suicide

a year ago, and it will continue so long as the public permit themselves to be packed like cattle in a pen.

How long will it be before the railway companies realise that they are first of all public servants, and after that profit-earners?

We do not call for nationalisation, but by their apathy and selfishness the railways are forcing nationalisation on the public.

Their action in prohibiting agents who sell railway-tickets from pushing the tours of motor-coaches is an indication of the bitter struggle which is proceeding.

Why not make railway travel more attractive? The spirit of independent trading is keen competition from which the public benefits.

In the London area, as in the other large towns and their districts, daily travel is far less comfortable than it was twenty years ago.

Those who try to avoid the rush hours find the number of the coaches cut down by half, and the compartments are still packed out. This is simply suicide.

IN this period, when world peace is more in the public mind than ever, JOHN BULL, in the "Letter Parliament," has invited correspondents to debate what they would do if war came.

Our "Letter Parliament" is the most consistently interesting feature of its kind. This week it is especially arresting; so much so that, apart from those letters we print, we

thought it worth while to give an analysis of the hundreds which do not appear.

Roughly the analysis is that over 70 per cent. declare that if war came they would fight or assist in military operations.

Between 25 and 30 per cent. declare they would not fight, and many of these add that they would unflinchingly take any punishment which such a decision might involve.

In some ways a saddening symposium, in others it is an uplifting document. Supreme self-sacrifice and a high humanitarianism glow side by side over disillusionment and a weary bitterness.

There is the out-of-work man who would risk death for a khaki outfit, a full belly, and security of employment; and the cynic who knows perfectly well that in the next war of aeroplanes the man in the front line will be safer than the non-combatant in the city.

DIFFERENT sentiments move the great majority who would elect to fight—patriotism first, and then the mother of patriotism, the love of home which sends the fighting man out to protect his women and his helpless kindred.

Here and there "comradeship" is the word, and a writer states that war, terrible though it be, is not so deadly or so soul-destroying as the war of industry.

The minority who declare roundly for pacifism are obviously sincere, and their enthusiasm runs as high for their cause as does that of the patriots.

But apart from the odd cynic, who may be disregarded, there is one point of general and whole-hearted agreement—"Let there be no more war."

A Birthday EVERYONE

THE League of Nations is celebrating its tenth birthday. What has it done—what will it do? On January 10, 1920, the League came into being. Scant notice was taken by the world of the event.

Practical men and women want to know if the League has justified itself by results.

The record of achievements is long. But the machine which has been created is still far from perfect.

The League is not universal. Two great Powers, Russia and the United States of America are outside it.

When President Wilson outlined his plan at the Paris Peace Conference, he imagined that it would be a League of all the nations of the world, great or small.

That did not happen, and Wilson died of a broken heart.

Objections to any plan of the League by the United States could frustrate its efforts. Indeed, its whole work has been slowed up by her absence.

From the point of view of Eastern Europe and China, the absence of Russia and her imperialistic tendencies render many States uneasy. Lacking security, they take refuge in vast armaments.

Here is the one field in which the League has quite definitely failed to make any progress.

The Covenant, the rules under which the League is regulated, lays it down that, in the interests of peace, national armaments shall be reduced to the "lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations."

But the need of armaments for the national defence is deeply rooted in every national consciousness. By every means the League has attempted to crack this nut; but so far the nut has resisted all its efforts.

Ball passed on

First of all, the League set up a Military Commission; then civilians were added; then a giant new committee was formed to draft a Disarmament Convention.

Its members failed to agree, and therefore the ball was passed to yet another new committee, the Security Commission.

This body drafted a series of treaties for the peaceful settlement of all international disputes. The drafts exist; but apart from a few minor countries, the treaties remain as drafts and are not ratified.

Now the ball has been passed again. Five great Powers meet at the end of this month to attempt a partial solution of the problem by obtaining some measure of naval limitation.

Navies are different matters to armies and air forces, and those will still remain to be tackled.

The most that can be said for the League's ten years' work on armaments is that now the world knows a great deal more than it did before of the reasons why armaments exist and the difficulties of their removal.

On the positive side, the League has done great work for suffering nations and for suffering human beings.

When Austria was bankrupt at the end of 1922, it was through the League that she was rescued.

At the time a box of matches in Vienna cost £80 in pre-war money; a square meal, if it could be obtained, cost as much as £8,000. The people were starving, and there seemed no hope.

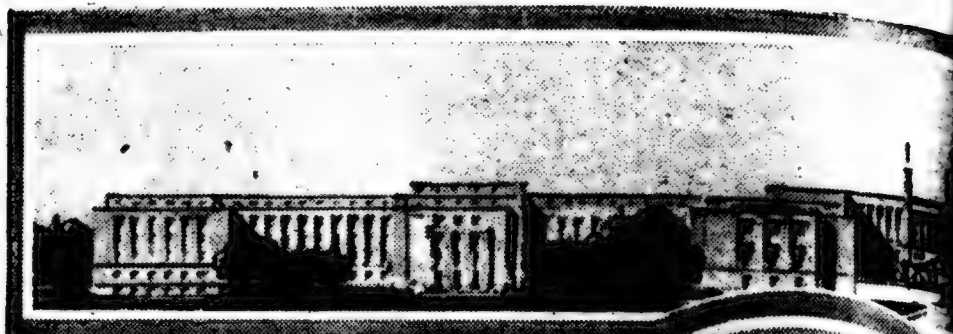
The League, however, guaranteed a loan, with the result that Austria's credit was restored, and though the shoe still pinches hard, the situation is far from desperate.

To Hungary, Greece, Bulgaria and others the same kind of help was given.

Had it not been for the presence of the League, Europe would certainly not yet have returned to financial stability.

Once credit was restored, the League was able to make a start on the next job, which was to bring about a trade revival. There is

The Tenth Milestone on the Highway to Peace



Albanian mounted troops mobilised to meet the Jugo-Slavs



"And President Woodrow Wilson died of a broken heart"

nothing to be gained through shutting our eyes to the fact that America is fabulously wealthy and Europe is not.

The World Economic Conference met in 1925 to see what could be done to restore prosperity to the world and more especially to Europe.

In effect, the conference said that the way to promote trade was to remove the obstacles that at present exist and try to make Europe more like the United States.

This idea is just bearing fruit in Briand's scheme for a United States of Europe.

It is no easy task for the League to din sense into the heads of statesmen who are chock full of nationalism and cannot see the truth of the maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall."

There is still too much in Europe of the old hole-and-corner diplomacy. That does not make the task of Geneva any easier.

Yet it is true to say that this economic work of the League is beginning to stem the tide of secret warfare through prohibitive tariff barriers, in which most countries have been actively engaged.

A vast number of resolutions have been passed. A large number of conventions have been made.

But here is a flaw in the League's machinery which was first pointed out by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood. Nobody ratifies its decisions.

Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, pointed to the same fault.

It is a sign of weakness that the League cannot enforce its decisions. If Governments refuse to honour their signatures and the peoples do not push them, matters drift from bad to worse.

Labour hopes

The International Labour Organisation, which is the section of the League that deals with the industrial conditions of the world, has fared somewhat better.

The scope of the work of this side of the League ranges from hours of work, by the famous Washington Hours Convention, to prevention of accidents to dockers.

All sorts of subjects—accident insurance, sickness insurance,

women's work, children's work, unemployment, and safety-first regulations—have been tackled.

This work always stands a better chance of success, for not only are Governments officially represented, but employers and workers have delegations as well.

The sum total of their labours, therefore, is something that is fairly agreeable to all parties.

Little wars

It usually does not go so far as the workers wish and farther than the employers desire, but it is a compromise which stands a good chance when it gets to the national Parliaments.

The work of the International Labour Organisation comes far closer to the life of the man in the street, and more real pressure is brought to bear on slack authorities.

The League, it is true, has stopped several little wars that showed signs of developing into something big.

In 1921 Jugo-Slavia took the law into her own hands. After the war there was the inevitable delay in settling the boundaries of Albania.

The Jugo-Slavs penetrated ninety miles into Albania. The League was invoked and a hasty meeting called.

Jugo-Slavia discounted the League and was inclined to be truculent. When she came to floating a loan to carry on her little war, she found that nobody would lend her money except on exorbitant terms. The war stopped.

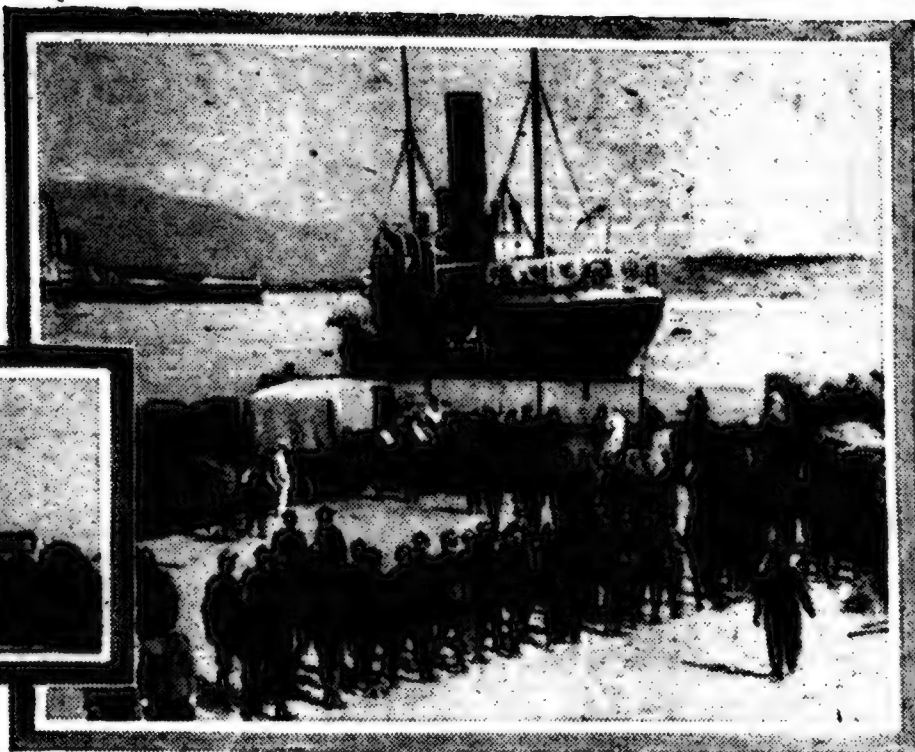
Similarly, in 1925 a frontier shooting incident between Greece and Bulgaria has never thoroughly been cleared up. The Greeks in-

Briand's scheme for United States of Europe fruit of much League discussion

Should CELEBRATE



The new home of the League, overlooking the lake of Geneva—as it will be in four years time



Italy was rebuked for bombarding Corfu. Troops of occupation embarking for the voyage home

vaded Bulgaria, the weaker Power. Bulgaria appealed to the League, for she knew that in a stand-up fight she had no chance.

At the same time she sent what must be the most extraordinary telegram to her front-line troops that has ever been sent in the history of warfare.

It ran: *Make no resistance. Attempt to stem panic. Matter referred to the League of Nations. Early settlement expected.*

The telegram was right. At a dramatic meeting of the League Council in Paris, summoned by telephone, both sides were commanded to withdraw their troops into their own territory.

The order arrived at the front just in time to stop the Greeks delivering a mass attack on the little town of Petritch.

Had the attack taken place, there is no knowing that the situation would not have got out of hand. The margin was two hours.

In ten days from its reference to the League the war was at an end and a Commission of Enquiry was on the spot.

Greece finally had to pay Bulgaria some £45,000 damages.

On other occasions the League has been instrumental in stopping a state of affairs that might have led to war, and in most cases it enabled the disputants to reach a settlement; though this is not true of Poland and Lithuania, where all that could be done was to stop the actual fighting.

Both sides were too pig-headed to try and patch up the quarrel in a friendly fashion.

They cut off their noses to spite their faces, for they have not done any trade with each other since, and are consequently so much the poorer.

When faced with a state of affairs in which the Powers involved are not too strong, the League has obviously been very successful.

A bombardment

Whether, should two great Powers come to blows, it would be equally successful, it is hard to say.

In 1923, owing to an Italian general having been killed on Greek soil, an impossible ultimatum was sent from Rome to Athens.

Because Greece did not comply with its terms, Corfu was bombarded and occupied, and a few civilians killed.

At the time the League was in session at Geneva. Italy found herself ostracised by everybody for this high-handed action.

To save her face, she accepted the good offices of the Conference of Ambassadors in Paris. She agreed to a plan that originated in Geneva and was presented to her by the conference.

War was averted and Corfu was

returned to Greece—certainly more than half a victory for the League.

The social work of the League of Nations has never faltered.

The "dope" traffic has been tackled and exposed. In its ten years of life more has been accomplished than was done in the two decades before 1914.

It is becoming increasingly harder for the drug-smugglers to flood the world with their evil products. The worst offenders have been blacklisted.

The ways of the smugglers are known, and all the police forces in the world exchange information, so that every new smuggling dodge is quickly exposed.

The next move that will be made in the very near future is that the actual amount of the "dope" manufactured will be limited. It will be all the harder for any surplus to trickle out of the legitimate channels, for it will not exist.

At the present time, there is a League Commission of Enquiry in the Far East, taking stock of the situation with regard to opium-smoking, and seeing in what ways the laws may be tightened up.

Too many of the British possessions in the East, such as the Straits Settlements, have made opium a State monopoly, from which they derive a substantial income, and not unnaturally smoking is actively encouraged.

Traffic in souls

Immense strides have been made towards the stamping out of the white-slave traffic. The licensed house that is the creator of the demand which the traffic exists to supply is doomed.

Many South American countries have already abolished it. Most European countries have done so.

To every excuse for their retention that she has made a complete answer has been given. She has been left without a leg to stand on. She has had to give way.

Last, but not least, in this record of the League's achievements must be set the constitution of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague.

Here are to be found the germs of the substitution of law for war. It is the supreme tribunal of the world.

That it was overdue is shown by the fact that it has had continu-



The weakness—nobody ratifies the League's decisions—was pointed out by Viscount Cecil

ally to work overtime. Now the statutes have been changed so that it is always in session.

To bolster up the work of the court, the League is getting busy on the codification of international law.

There is no point in having a law court if there is no law to administer. International law is notoriously scanty. That gap is to be filled in the near future.

The League, despite all the attempts that have been made to undermine its influence and power, has come to stay.

Many a time it has been damned by Governments with faint praise. Nor has the attitude of the British Government always been above reproach.

To-day Britain's stock at Geneva stands high, for she is prepared to run a few risks for peace.

The first ten years of the League's work have been occupied in establishing its position and in creating the need in the chancelleries of the world which can only be filled by international co-operation.

Make it real

The task of the next decade, in which Great Britain must continue to play a leading part, is to turn the good intentions that have been expressed into solid reality.

The sands of time are falling fast, and each year brings us closer to the time when the League will have to stand a real test of its strength.

Unless organisation for peace proceeds apace, at the hour of trial it will be found wanting.



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THEY charge you forty francs a day in Martinique, at the Hotel de la Victoria, and as that includes, in addition to your food, as much red wine as you can tackle, you have no right to expect a high standard of luxury.

We did expect though, Eldred Curwen and myself, something rather better in the way of service than the slatternly negress who clattered the plates like muskets, upset sardine-oil on my trousers, and brought no potatoes till we had finished our *entre cote*.

It was not even as though she had made up for her inefficiency, as do so many negresses, by an amiable readiness to smile.

She was sour and ill-favoured. Without being old, she looked as though she had never been young. Her features were set in a sulky scowl.

"We'll change our table this evening," Eldred said.

We did not expect to meet with any difficulty. A boat was sailing for St. Thomas that afternoon, and the dining-room when we came down to it for dinner was comparatively empty.

The *maitre d'hôtel* became flustered, however, when we asked to be placed at another table.

HE was still hesitating when Floria shuffled across the room. "That's your table, there," she said.

"We're arranging to change tables," Eldred told her.

The sullen look on her face darkened. "That's your table," she repeated, "there."

But by this time I had begun to grow impatient. "We can't wait here the whole evening," I said to the *maitre d'hôtel*. "Please find us another table. That one over there is empty, isn't it?"

I had begun to move across to it, when Floria pushed in front of me.

"Why?" she asked.

Her manner was so offensive that my impatience conquered my self-control.

"Because I don't want to have all my trousers covered with sardine-oil."

I spoke angrily. And as she heard me the sulky expression of her features deepened into a stare of fierce malevolence.

Her eyes followed us as we crossed the room.

At the table next to ours was a French creole who had come out on the same boat with us.

"That was a black look she gave us," I said.

He nodded his head. "It certainly was," he answered, pausing significantly as though there were more that he would say.

That night I could not sleep. I was weary with the exhaustion of a long sea voyage, of packing, of early rising, of the excitement of arriving at a new place; but I could not sleep. All night I tossed restlessly under the mosquito-net.

I felt limp and lifeless as I came up from my shower-bath to the wide verandah overlooking the Savane, on which my morning coffee and fruit were awaiting me, to find that Eldred Curwen, usually a later riser, was already down.

There were red rims under his eyes. "How did you sleep?" I asked.



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Cyril Holloway

"Twice, for three consecutive minutes."

"That's more than I managed."

At the other end of the verandah the French creole who had travelled out with us was dipping a crust of bread into his coffee. He laughed at our admission.

"I was wondering about that," he said. "If I were you I should go back to Floria's table."

We laughed at that. "Are you trying to tell us that Floria's put a spell on us?"

"More or less."

"And are you expecting us to believe that?"

He shrugged his shoulders. "You can believe it or not believe it, as you choose, but do you fancy the people who run this hotel would keep a woman like that if they weren't afraid of her?"

"Anyhow, wait and see how you sleep to-night. It may be that last night you were too excited."

Through-out that day I thought of nothing except sleep. As I strolled through the narrow, coloured streets of Fort de France, as I sat on the balcony of the club sipping a rum-punch, looking out over the green Savane to the white statue of Josephine, as I drove in the afternoon through

green fields of cane to the palm groves of La Fontaine and Carbet, my eyelids ached and throbbed.

I counted the moments till the sun should have sunk into the Caribbean. It was only a few minutes after

eight that I went to bed, feeling that not for another second could I keep off sleep; but once again I was to toss hot and restless and exhausted through the interminable hours of a tropic night, and it was to find next morning a fractious and red-eyed Eldred awaiting me on the verandah.

"Really," he said, "this is too much of a good thing. I haven't had two minutes' sleep."

The Frenchman laughed knowingly over his coffee. "I should change your table in the dining-room," he said.

We were less sceptical now than we had been on the previous evening.

"Has she been poisoning us?" we asked.

He shook his head. "She doesn't need poison, not material poison anyhow. She's got beyond that. She killed a man once, but there was no evidence against her."

He paused; then, seeing that we were listening, went on:

"She was sixteen at the time," he said, "and though you would scarcely believe it, that's only fifteen years ago. And, which you will find even harder to believe, she was beautiful in the Martinique fashion."

AND she was proud, as are the women of Martinique, who know their beauty to be famous through the length of Antilles. That was before she met Pedrote.

"I saw him only once. And that was later. But he was handsome in the way that the Spanish half-caste is. He had had many successes among the island women."

"The women whom he had courted remembered him gratefully. He was in his way irresistible. Floria fell in love with him from the moment that he noticed her. He was the first man that she had ever loved."

"She told him so during the long, dark hours of their first meeting."

"I love you. I am yours," she said, "completely. I have never been, ever, any man's before."

Next week:



"The Unknown" by HENRY HOLT

The POWER of FLORIA

by ALEC WAUGH



"The negro sat there swaying backwards and forwards on his heels. . . .
'She is not poisoning you,' he said"

He laughed at that. A lifetime in islands had made him sceptical of men's virtue. He was something of a cynic. His laugh was brutal and contemptuous. It cut her pride. For a little while she remained silent. 'You do not believe me,' she said at length. 'You think nothing of it because I have come to you at bidding, like the other girls. But was the truth I told you. It was such a moment that I kept myself.

BUT because you would not believe me when I told you that you were my first love, never will you know pleasure with any other woman. As you were my first love, so I shall be your last.' She spoke slowly and solemnly. Pedrotos shivered as he listened. For a moment, though, he knew these women, he told himself. They were not quicker than men did, in this entry of quick forgettings. Floria was not even in his thoughts as he walked quickly in the swift dusk through the outskirts of Fort de France to the bungalow where he was awaited by another. She was not in his thoughts when the step of that bungalow a sudden, tolerable pain struck him below the heart, a pain that made him collapse in the roadway to lie there motionless soundlessly without the power of speech till a 'porteuse' found him.

He did not think of Floria till in the exhausted peace that follows the fit of pain, he saw her standing at bedside, her eyes pitying, but firm. 'I told you,' she said. 'I warned you. Then he understood. So that was then. She had poisoned him. There was nothing in the way of understanding that these Africans did not understand. Floria that dark continent, huddled

in the Guinea ships of slavery, they had brought their dark secrets with them. Savagely he looked at the tall, graceful figure at his side.

"Very well," he said. "We'll see. You've beaten me this once, but you won't again."

"I warned you," she repeated. "You did not believe then. You do not believe me now. In time you will."

"Pedrotos laughed. 'You will get no second chance,' he said. But next day he went to a doctor, a European doctor, to be overhauled. The Frenchman examined him carefully for a full hour. Then he shook his head.

"I can see no sign of poison," he said. "You seem to be in perfect health. There must have been some momentary muscular contraction. I can think of no other explanation. There is nothing to worry over."

"Pedrotos did worry, though. He would have preferred the doctor to have found signs of poison. He would have known what he was fighting then."

"Through the whole of that day, through the whole of that week, through the length of many succeeding weeks, he worried. His knees were weak with terror when the time came for him to set out upon another tryst.

"There's nothing wrong with me," he told himself. "I'm fit, perfectly

fit. The woman hasn't been near the house for weeks. I've supervised myself every meal I've eaten for the last ten days. It's ridiculous to worry."

"But he did worry. There was a sweat upon his forehead and upon his hands.

"His steps faltered as he drew near the tall, three-storied house in the Grande Rue; he felt almost before it struck him the twisting agony that was to cast him breathless and silent in the gutter.

"It took him longer, this time, to recover. And this time he did not go to the European doctor in the Savane. He took a canoe and rowed by starlight down the coast to Carbet.

"It was not in a spruce laboratory, among test-tubes and retorts, that he told his story, but in a dirty, mud-caked cabin, to an aged negro who sat by a guttering candle and rubbed a piece of dried bark between his fingers.

"The negro made no careful examination of Pedrotos. He sat there swaying backwards and forwards on his heels. Then in a voice that was low-pitched and distant: 'She is not poisoning you,' he said.

"Then what is she doing?"

"The old negro made no reply. He sat there swaying backwards and forwards, rubbing the piece of bark between his fingers, silent and impassive.

"TO all Pedrotos' pleadings, to his offerings of money, to his threats and bribes, he made only that one retort: 'She is not poisoning you.'

"Fear came upon Pedrotos as he rowed back to Fort de France. He had lived long enough in the islands, and he had enough coloured blood in him to be afraid. When the papaloi were against you, you were helpless.

"I must get away from here," he thought, at once.

"Swiftly and secretly he made his plans. A ship was leaving next day for Guadeloupe. He knew the captain. He arranged to be taken on as an extra hand, without formalities of ticket and passport.

"As he ran up the gang-plank his heart was light for the first time for a dozen weeks. He was safe now.

"His heart was so happy that he took the last two rungs at a single stride; so happy that he did not notice the smear of grease upon the woodwork. His foot slipped.

"He flung out his hand to check himself. But his fingers missed their hold on the wire-cord, swinging him back and outwards, so that he fell backwards, somersaulting down the narrow plank.

"As he reached the ground the back of his skull hit the stonework. He was dead before they could reach him."

The Frenchman paused.

"Though no court of law could convict Floria," he said, "she killed Pedrotos as surely as any poisoner could have done."

"If she could do that, surely she could stop a man who had irritated her from sleep. These people have brought with them from Africa mysteries beyond our understanding."

We had listened in silence. Below us in the street motor-cars were honking noisily. Out of a clear, blue sky a heavy January sun was pouring its amber light across the green Savane on to the white statue.

In the harbour were the funnels and masts of liners. It was hard in such a moment at such a place to believe in the black magic of Africa.

And yet, and yet . . .

"I think," said Eldred, "we'll have our table changed to-night."

FLORIA'S face showed no pleasure or satisfaction when we told her of our decision. Her scowl was as surly as ever.

She split the soup over the tablecloth, clattered the plates, brought us our fish cold, and butter not until we had ceased to need it. We had a thoroughly uncomfortable meal.

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IS sporting England prepared to see the control of Association football pass from the hands of amateurs into those whose interests are bound up in the paid professional game?

That very grave, nay, revolutionary, change will be made in London on Monday at the meeting of the Football Association unless there is a great rally of amateurs.

JOHN BULL does not for one moment question the good faith of the men who represent the professional teams. It is not thought they will begin kidnapping young players or attempting to commercialise the millions who play the game only because they enjoy it.

The danger lies in the violation of a principle which underlies all sorts of British sport. It is as unthinkable as professionalism controlling and framing the rules of cricket instead of the M.C.C.

Could anyone imagine the Rugby League of professionals governing the hundreds of thousands of people who play the amateur Rugby game?

For the Football Association is the body which upholds or alters the rules of Soccer, and from its ranks are drawn the officials who can be depended upon to give fair ruling in the essentially sporting as opposed to the commercial aspects of the game.

How comes it that this revolutionary danger has to be confronted? There seems to have been some apathy in the amateur ranks. Certainly the amateurs lack a doughty champion.

EARLY last year the Football Association Council deliberately broke its own articles of association in order to meet certain demands made by the Football League—the professional element.

The League contended that as its clubs contributed at least nine-tenths of the revenue of the Football Association it should have a considerable voice in the spending of that money.

It therefore demanded a seat on the Council for all the nine members of its own management committee. A compromise was arrived at whereby four seats were allotted, but as five members of the League Management Committee were already on the Council in other capacities the net result was that all the nine had seats.

The attention of the Football Association was called to the fact that this

arrangement was illegal unless the articles of association were amended.

To make this amendment an extraordinary general meeting of the Football Association is to be held in London on January 13, at which the League hopes that its nine seats on the Council will be ratified.

If the rules and articles of association are altered as proposed it will mean that the scales will be heavily weighted against the vast amateur majority.

The London Football Association alone has a membership of 2,500 clubs, only a dozen or so of which are professional, the rest being amateur.

Those 2,500 clubs are represented on

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the Football Association Council by member. The possibility is that eighty-eight League clubs in the future will have fourteen or fifteen representatives, which hardly betokens fair play for the amateur.

There are only a few hundred professional clubs in the country against something like 30,000 amateur clubs.

When we come to particularise, the problem becomes even more pressing. Everton, Liverpool and the two Manchester League clubs are now represented individually by the members elected in each respective division.

But each is also in membership with the Lancashire Football Association which sends Mr. Sutcliffe, a vice-president of the League, as its member.

In addition there are the local Liverpool and Manchester Football Associations, to each of which a member has been allotted.

IS it fair to assume that, for governing purposes, a League club is of equal value to nearly 300 amateur clubs?

To put it bluntly, the Football Association Council is deliberately selling the amateur pass. It is proclaiming to all the world that the government of the game should be in the hands of the professional element.

If the proposals are carried on January 13 it will indeed be an unlucky day for amateur football, which will thus be placed in bondage to the numerically inferior, though more wealthy professional clubs.

But there must be a majority of less than three-fourths in favour of the proposals before they can be adopted, and the Football Association seems to have left nothing to chance.

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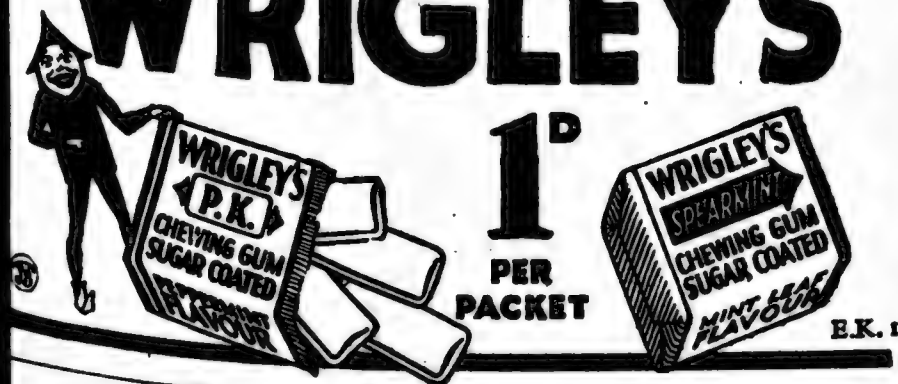
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Women like the Countess of Minto—seen here with the heir—are shining examples to neglectful society mothers

WE have heard in the last year or so a good deal about society women taking up business and quite a lot about cocktail parties. Little has been said, however, of the principal sufferers from these two phases of the ultra-modern world.

What about the often unwelcome little strangers who appear at inopportune moments just as the families of the moneyed classes are arranging plans for abroad or for the hunting season at home?

The society woman (especially the new-rich) of to-day cannot serve two masters—namely, her baby and the demands on her time.

And it is the baby who usually suffers.

Such a life!

Take a quick glance at the calendar of the leisured few and you will grasp the problem at once.

January to April: The Riviera, Italy or North Africa.

May to July: The London season. August, September and October onwards: The shooting season.

November: Fox-hunting, with a busy round of country-house visits and dances.

Christmas: Possibly home, possibly another country house-party.

Where is the new-born baby's place in such a life? Certainly not with its mother, who would consider it an incessant drag on her activities.

The woman who has the money does her best to forget that she is a mother the moment she has got over the pangs of childbirth. It is so easy.

Nurses are waiting to take the baby from its mother on arrival and whisk it up to its own quarters, where thenceforth it will reign supreme.

The whirl again

The mother, meanwhile, recovers from her temporary indisposition and welcomes the opportunity of enjoying a week or two's rest from her usual activities.

But this resting business soon becomes tiring. She feels the call of social or business activities, binds her figure with bella-donna plaster and enters into the whirl of life again.

There is no more maternal sustenance for the child, and henceforth it knows no food but artificial.

It would be quite false, of course, to say that this is a true picture of childbirth in every rich woman's household. There are good mothers among all classes.

But it is undoubtedly the experience of many an unfortunate child of the upper ten.

"Why unfortunate?" It may be



Politics or no politics, Lady Astor is one of the best mothers in the world

asked. "The child is living in the lap of luxury. What should it have to grumble about?"

Very little for the time, perhaps. But into what sort of boy or girl will it grow?

Let us take a peep into its daily, pampered little life and see.

To begin with, it may have a whole suite for its own glory—a day nursery, a night nursery and a bathroom in between.

Possibly three nurses—a head-nurse, a night-nurse and an under-nurse—will be in constant attendance to satisfy its every whim.

Stranger pops in

While the head-nurse baths and dries it, the under-nurse will be standing by with sponges, flannels and powder.

Its cot is lined with silk and frills, and during its sleep the night-nurse is sitting beside it, waiting for its waking moments so that she can appease its slightest desire.

How it must wonder who its mother is—that beautifully-dressed creature who pops her head in at the nursery-door (sometimes), says "How's baby?" and disappears as suddenly as she has loomed on the small horizon of the child's brain.

If this strange young woman belongs to the clan of bright young people the babe is sure to have its christening-party, when it will be placed on a huge, gorgeously embroidered silk pillow, and taken round gingerly to receive the adulation of these bright young guests.

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The future baby's own bathroom has been fitted with electric stoves, apparatus and numerous gadgets, only a new-born babe could be useful, not excluding a special Pan frieze round the wall.

Yet this mother-to-be has no intention of nursing her child, but flying to the moon.

Back to night clubs

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THE Five Power Naval Conference which the King is to open on January 20 will bring together one of the most interesting gatherings of men ever assembled for the purposes of international parley.

Their careers are packed with national achievement and with that romance which must ever cling to those who guide the destinies of a myriad lives.

The United States delegation is perhaps the most unique. It is composed of personalities as striking as they are diverse.

No two men, for example, could be less alike than Dwight Morrow and Senator Jos. Robinson.

British names

Dwight Morrow is the exclusive social leader, banker, late Ambassador to Mexico, father of Colonel Lindbergh's wife; Senator Robinson is the astute Party politician, floor-leader of the Democratic Party in the Upper House, friend of Al Smith, lawyer.

Secretary of State Stimson, fierce Nationalist, sits with Senator James Reed, the comparatively young and passionate champion of the so-called anti-national Anglo-Saxon tradition in American life.

Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy, aristocrat descendant of two American Presidents, is harnessed with bluff and democratic Dawes.

Dawes is possibly the best-known outside his own land. He was an intrepid general in the late war and later famous for the Dawes scheme.

A notable peculiarity of the American delegation is that without exception it bears British names.

This may be taken as flattering testimony to the fact that our race is still prominent in authority in the great Republic, although, unfortunately, this does not appear to be of any advantage to us.

The most strenuous anti-Britishers in America are usually of British extraction. It has always, somewhat curiously, been like that. Our greatest friends across the water invariably bear foreign names.

Intellectual backbone

Messrs. Reijiro Wakatsuki, Takeshi Takarabe and Tsuneo Matsudaira are the intellectual backbone of the Japanese delegation.

Mr. Wakatsuki compels respect as the former President of the second largest Party in Japan, more or less Democratic in politics.

As Prime Minister for a brief period—March, 1926, to April, 1927—he had a lot to do with the Californian business which sought, and succeeded, in excluding Asiatics from the United States.

He is, in addition, a member of the

House of Peers, and has held numerous home and foreign appointments.

Admiral Takarabe is the Minister of the Navy, and was one of the outstanding naval figures of Japan during the war. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Third Naval Squadron, and later commanded Japan's two great naval bases, Sasebo and Port Arthur.

Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira enjoys wide respect as Japan's representative to the Court of St. James. He is a remarkable man, vastly informed on foreign politics and a great admirer of England.

One of the most outstanding figures in the Italian delegation will be Admiral Acton.

He is a member of the well-known English family headed by Lord Acton. An admiral in the Italian Navy, he is Chief of the General Staff and a British K.C.B.

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Incredible family

The Actons have been an incredible family. The branch, for instance, that settled in Italy produced Sir John Francis Edward Acton, who became Prime Minister of Naples after reorganising the Neapolitan Navy under Ferdinand IV, becoming Commander-in-Chief of both Services, and later Minister of Finance.

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More amazing still, however, John Acton, a captain in the East India Company, actually rose to be Commodore-in-Chief of the Germanic Imperial Navy in the Adriatic.

Dino Grandi leads the Italian delegation. He was one of the famous Fascisti Quadrumvirate that led the march on Rome.

He has a gallant record in the war, was several times decorated, and eventually returned to Parliament, where he could not sit as he was under thirty.

He is Minister of Foreign Affairs and an authority on labour questions. Many consider he will be Mussolini's successor.

The remaining Italians will be Admiral Giuseppe Siriani, Minister of the Marine, a famous naval officer in the war, and His Excellency Antonio Bonadaro, Italian Ambassador in London.

For the most part we know the French representatives, although there is one with whom we have yet to be acquainted. He is Admiral Violette, Chief of the Naval Staff.

He is said to know more about European naval affairs than any other man

on the Continent and to be the master-mind of the delegation.

André Tardieu, so-called political heir to Clemenceau, Premier of France heads the French contingent. He is a remarkable man. All his life he has prepared for the moment when he would lead his country, and now the moment has come.

He has stated that he intends to remain in office a considerable time, and if he succeeds it will be a remarkable achievement in a land where the man-in-the-street keeps Parliament in subjection and brings it down at will.

Monsieur Tardieu has already performed a large amount of public service, notable among which is his work on drafting the system under which the Saar region has been administered.

He is comparatively young as Prime Ministers go. His age is fifty-three. European politics should hear a lot of him before he retires.

Of Aristide Briand, disillusioned, still a persevering statesman in the cause of world peace, volumes could be written. He is the supreme orator of France, and perhaps her greatest public servant.

He has been Prime Minister twice, and will probably improve on this record before he goes.

Whatever the instructions of the French Government to its delegation—and many rumours are already afloat—Briand will certainly do his utmost to make the conference a success.

Called back

He has twice retired from politics to be called back into the arena again. And each time he returned to his favourite office—Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Back in this office, he has plunged straight away into the darkest pool of international politics, disarmament, and working with a more or less hostile Government, he has always achieved something to bring nearer the reign of world peace.

Briand is a great man, and, next to Lloyd George, history will have more to say about him than any other world figure of the period.

The fourth member with Tardieu, Violette and Briand, is Leygues, an ex-Premier, who began life as a poet. He is now Minister of Marine and retaining much of the literary leanings which made him prominent, years ago, among the Parnassian group of poets.

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Curiously enough, soon afterwards the trade declined, and the profits dwindled alarmingly.

Then, at a staff dance, I met a pretty, agreeable girl, who enormously attracted me, and as the girl seemed willing to respond, the affair for a time completely filled my thoughts.

It was only when I had gone too far to be able to honourably withdraw that I discovered I had fallen in love with the manager's daughter.

SHE said he was ambitious that she should marry a man with money, and that while she was prepared to risk his displeasure, she was afraid it might cost me my job.

I had the same fear, but there was no alternative but to go to the man, confessing our love.

My girl's father said that while he had certainly looked higher for his daughter, a young man with grit could always make money, and he would do his best to help me.

We needed no further encouragement to ratify our engagement. We planned to marry at Easter.

But, bit by bit, I discovered I was expected to assist in a dastardly plot.

My girl's father, determined to get the business into his own hands, is systematically reducing the profits.

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Relying on the marriage, which must take place before long, to ensure my silence, this man has managed gradually to shift many thousands of pounds' worth of goods to storage, where they will be overlooked when stocktaking takes place.

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No wedding ever took place. He was killed in action, and I was left an expectant mother.

My mother declared I had disgraced her for ever, and picked up a burning lamp to throw at me, but I mercifully escaped.

I took refuge in a public institution until my baby was born, and then went out to fight for our existence.

I was barely twenty when I met my present husband, a good man, who persuaded me to marry him.

He has been to my baby a true father in every sense of the word, and she grew so lovely that I longed for my mother to see her and know of my happiness.

On her birthday I made a lovely cake and posted it to the old farm. It was returned untouched.

Every birthday since I have tried again, but the present still comes back, and this year I am wondering if it is worth while to keep on.

"HUMANIST" says: No; it is foolish to force a kindness upon a person who persistently rejects it. Write a letter to your mother saying you wish to be friends, and if possible get some disinterested friend who knows you both to talk to her.

If she rejects these overtures, leave her to her own unenviable thoughts.

THE WRITING on the wall

MY son all his life has been a good lad, a Christian in every sense of the word. As he grew up he became a prominent church-worker and he married a girl who was interested in the same things.

My wife died recently, and my boy took it terribly to heart.

For his sake I strove to hide my own inconsolable grief, but that only made him worse. He brooded so that he became strange in his manner. His doctor called it a touch of religious mania.

No sooner was his wife aware of the diagnosis than she manoeuvred his detention in an expensive mental home, where hourly he was becoming worse.

All appeals to his wife were useless. She merely said she had not the slightest intention of having a madman on her hands.

In the circumstances, I went to the doctor, who said that while the mind of the boy was certainly deranged, he was perfectly harmless, and a magistrate would sign an order for release.

THIS was done. I took the boy home in a cab, but found the house empty. In his absence his wife had sold off ever stick and stump he possessed and gone off, taking the child.

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He is recovering, but what is to happen when he finally comes out? Not the shock of the full truth and his reason for good and all?

"HUMANIST" says: Take the advice of your doctor. There are cases of shocks of this nature bring into emotions that may repeat reason on her throne.

If his doctor thinks it safe, tell son the truth, and then help him obtain a divorce.

WANDERING WIFE an easy prey

I AM a farmer with a wife who borne me six sons. Some ago my youngest boy, then a infant, wandering on to the rail lines that cross our land, was run and killed.

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Ever since she has been more affected, but she is harmless, and I her back home. I could not think her being shut away from her family.

Her hallucination is that a fortune coming to her, and she declares the chief of police in our town give it to her if only she can get him.

The police know her quite well and treat her kindly when she is wandering, for they all remember the tragedy that caused it, and we always having the job of fetching her back.

ON a recent market-day, when I went by bus to sell my produce my wife followed to the market by train.

As I was turning homewards a stable informed me that she had about and advised me to hurry to look after her.

This I was about to do when a little girls said they had just seen being taken up a back lane by the men.

The constable and I hurried together and found my wife in company of three brutes with no sense of decency.

She said the "gentlemen" kindly offered to show her the office of the chief of police.

I gave the men in charge on spot, but on questioning them police-constable declared there was proof of assault and that my wife with them of her own free-will.

I got her home and then went to own solicitor with a view to prosecuting the men, but he agreed with police.

Tell me how I can clear my wife this horrid imputation, and at the same time protect the women and girls in our market-town from scoundrels the look-out for prey.

"HUMANIST" says: No imputation can rest upon the character of a woman not responsible for her actions. I admire your restraint in not resorting to a horsewhip.

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I had no hair on my head at all, not a single hair. At the General Hospital they said I should never have another hair as long as I lived. A hairdresser whom I consulted confirmed this.

Seeing how many had got new hair by using Kotalko Treatment, I bought Kotalko and Kotalko Soap and used them for a few minutes every day. The new hair soon began to grow, and now no one seeing me would credit I had been bald. The hairdresser and many others can confirm all I say. I now have a complete new growth of hair in natural colour after having been perfectly bald.

James Bindley.

Big Bald Patch



Bedlington.
My Husband's head was in a terrible state. One big bald patch on the top of his head was the size of a tea-cup, on which there was not a single hair. We had spent pounds in trying to get this condition different and even our doctor had given up all hope. We were recommended to send for Kotalko and it was the

best investment we have ever made. We are sending you a photograph showing the condition of my husband's head now, by which you will see that we have much to be thankful for, and we shall never fail to recommend Kotalko.

W. Jobson.

Friends Astonished

Nr. Alfriston.
I had lost all my hair. It began to fall out in patches, and within a very short time I was completely bald.

Seeing Kotalko advertised, I decided to try it, for although I had been using an ointment given to me by the doctor, no progress was evident.

The action of Kotalko was marvellous, for before many weeks had passed I was once more the possessor of a head of lovely, wavy hair.

All our friends are astonished with the new growth.

C. Bennett.



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I have a fine head of hair now, which is still growing and is in a healthy condition.

Ernest Stroud.



Hair Stopped Falling.

Kings Lynn.
Before using Kotalko I had several bald patches and the rest of my hair was dry and brittle, and constantly falling. I tried two or three preparations, but without satisfaction.

After using Kotalko for one month, there was a wonderful improvement in the general hair growth, and soon after a new hair could be seen coming along on the bald spots. Now after using four boxes, my hair is in splendid condition and looks as well as it ever did. The new growth on the bald patches is the same colour and just as curly as the rest of my hair. I am glad I did not give up hope.



H. A. Ward. Splendid Hair Growth

Nr. Rotherham.
I was a perfect object without a particle of hair. A doctor's treatment did not make the slightest difference. I then tried many sorts of hair restorers, but still without results, and I got quite downhearted, as I thought I was going to be bald for the rest of my life.

I then sent for a sample of Kotalko, after which I used four boxes, and to my great surprise I found that my hair was beginning to show signs of vitality, and now twelve months after I first began using Kotalko, I have obtained a splendid growth of hair, as my photograph will show you, the new hair also being its natural colour.

August Dale.



Our Letter Parliament

If WAR Came

—What I'd Do

MY "bit," as last time; but I would demand wholesale conscription of people and property.

No more roping-in of the willing horse; no more profiteering at the public expense; no more holding on to cushy jobs.

The lesson of the last war was that there shouldn't be another. If it comes despite this, then mobilise the nation.

I would press for all factories to be treated as working for the nation, and that war should not be profitable to armament producers.

A question: If this were understood, would war ever come?—*Disillusioned, Whetstone.*

Hellish Grab

I should advocate that JOHN BULL should take the lead in a campaign of refusing to bear arms—and damn the consequences.

JOHN BULL's enormous influence and its solemn professions would carry more weight than drunken militarists.

We now know that war is merely hellish grab. How can a sane man, let alone a Christian, aid such sordid work, camouflaged under the term patriotism?—*G. B., Fakenham.*

"How Could I?"

I often heard my war-time chums say, "When I get out of this they will never get me again." I have often said the same myself.

When I saw your subject for "Letter Parliament" it made me think.

I said I would stay at home with my wife and child, sit in an easy chair by the fire, read JOHN BULL, and wait till the enemy got here.

But how could I? I'm British.—*E. Slater, Worthing.*

"Ye Hypocrites!"

I would write on my calling-up papers the words of Robert Burns:

"Ye hypocrites, are these your pranks, To murder men, and gie God thanks?

For shame, gie o'er—proceed no further, God won't accept your thanks for murder."

—*F. Cassidy, Townhead.*

Writ Sarcastic

Being safely past military age, I would mount public platforms and exhort young men to go and fight, prefacing my remarks with, "Would to God I were a young man!"

This patriotic spirit would enable me to wangle war business and contracts, which should yield a handsome return and a title.

At the close of the war I would become a pillar of the Church, and generously lend my name to schemes for relieving distress among the maimed and workless young men from the front.—*"Modern Patriot," Hove.*

Safest in the Army

Join up—quickly. Where but in a gas-proof dug-out would anyone be able to survive a next war?

Towns would be death-traps.

Besides, in the front line one would miss the cries of women and children at home being choked by gas after a visit by enemy aircraft.—*M.C., M.M., Sparkbrook.*

Saying—and Doing

Although I always join in saying that I would refuse to serve again, there is no doubt that, given another 1914, public emotion would prove too strong, and before we realised it we should be back in the ranks once again.

This makes all the more reason why all of us must urge for disarmament, League of Nations, or anything which has "Peace" as its aim.—*Thiepral, Salford.*

Pray for Reason

I should do what we women must always do—stay at home, hoping for the best, but fearing the worst.

The misery of war is not confined to the battlefield. There is nothing more

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My Hint for the Consumers' Council

heartbreaking than to wait, afraid to read the papers, afraid almost of the postman's step, afraid for someone who is "over there."

All that we can do is to suffer in silence, and pray for reason to be given to the fighting chiefs.—*L. Treeman, Liverpool.*

Sneak Off

Having had four years of it, and coming off lucky, I should say to myself, Don't risk it again.

I should excuse myself in every possible way to avoid going: I should grumble about the uselessness of it, get the wind up at all the horrors of it, and make the excuse that I'm married now and have two children (I was single then).

Then, I should sneak off quietly and join up.—*C. H., Ebbw Vale.*

Carrying On

The same as before, when I carried on for five years alone, while my husband was in East Africa.

I would work hard and keep smiling through all the heartache, and try not to be jealous when my neighbour's husband "wangled" a "leaf," keep the home fires burning, and, if the aftermath would be anything like this, try to reserve some strength to cope with it.—*Cheerio, Newport.*

Regular "Work"

I'd list. Apart from the horrors of war there is the other side of the question.

Football can be played any day in the week, or year, without coming under the ban of the "F.A."

You can gamble to your heart's content without any fear of being "pinched."

And, as long as the war lasts, you are sure of pay, clothes and food, to say nothing of being in "regular employment," with provision for wife and family.—*Ex-R.E., New Marske.*

Show Him the Mess

I would teach "Tommy" exactly what to expect "in action." I would illustrate the difference between train-

Race with "Silver Ring"

K.C.B.!

AN inmate of Withington's stable at Bicester, K.C.B., figured in my "Six Jolly Jumpers" to follow, given in JOHN BULL a few weeks ago, and I now suggest that the venture-some spirits who are already seeking the Spring double include the son of The White Knight and Rill in their long-shots.

The Druce Machine—the JOHN BULL and also the code selection for the Victory 'Chase at Manchester—was a pleasant New Year's gift.

Paris Flight, who ran well behind Big Wonder at Newbury, should win the Mitre 'Chase at Hurst Park, and Gafadoun and Arctic Star may come up at fair prices.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, January 9, to Wednesday, January 15:

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"SILVER RING."

ing in nice green fields and wooded and in fighting in death and disease infested trenches.

I would tell about hand-to-hand fighting—in fact, I would bring back "Tommy" the worst side of war.

Finally, I would show the terrible mess a single piece of German shell made of me, and the doctor's verdict when I came round.

My pupils would then be "fully prepared."—*J. E. K., Hanley.*

A Wife's Way

During the last war I gave my hand, my own services free, all my jewellery to be sold for the "Red Cross," all the money I could spare for materials for Queen Mary's Sewing Guild, and only purchased the barest necessities for myself and my two children.

Financially, the war ruined me.

I remarried an ex-officer, and have been happy, although it has always been an effort to keep the wolf from the door.

If war came, I would do as I did before—give my all for England.—*Exile, Norfolk.*

A Good Time

I would "go on munitions." In the old days girls earned good money, while most spent on a good time.

I would try to earn similar wages because I want to buy a house for my parents' old age. Having got that, I would be content to return to my typist's job.

I don't want money for money's sake. I want it for comfort's sake and for the happiness it can bring if not abused.—*Not a Pin-money Girl, London.*

Yes—Never Again!

I would remember that I was unjustly slung for seven long hours on the "crucifix," in 1915, while in the Army.

Also that I was captured in 1916, for nine days and nine nights forced to bury bullet-riddled, ghastly, puny Germans, my only food consisting of black, rotten bread, which my poisoned stomach could not keep down.

I would say now, "Never again," as I did then.—*J. B., Whitstable.*

Anti-Propaganda

I enlisted voluntarily in the last war because I thought the Germans were the dirtiest villains on earth.

If war came, I would search the newspaper files for typical examples of the propaganda that made me think that and set them off by extracts showing how such propaganda is regarded now.

These I would have duplicated, and I would stand outside recruiting-offices handing them to men who were having the wool pulled over their eyes.—*A. L. Rusholme.*

"Very" Lights

I should have to choose between duty to God and duty to country, as it is impossible to be a true Christian and go to war.—*G. L. Dickson, Battersea.*

If war should come again to-morrow,

Let me make my meaning plain:

I'd be numbered with the missing.

Never, never with the slain.

—*Flanders Pop.*

The horrors of four years of hell are fresh in my memory, but not even that would deter me from fighting in defence of our mothers, wives, daughters and sisters.—*John Illand, Durham.*

I am a pacifist, but if war came I should offer my services and bury my pacifism for the "duration."—*Salisbury, Wales.*

I would see that those who make war had a bit, and not get all the armchair fighting.—*A. B., Huddersfield.*

I would pray for three things: a good gun, a dark night, and the war makers' whereabouts.—*War Widows, Camberwell, S.E.*

If owners and editors of jingo newspapers, directors of armament firms, politicians, big landowners and millionaires were all in the front line from the start it would not be necessary for me to do anything, because there wouldn't be any war.—*W. H., Finchley.*



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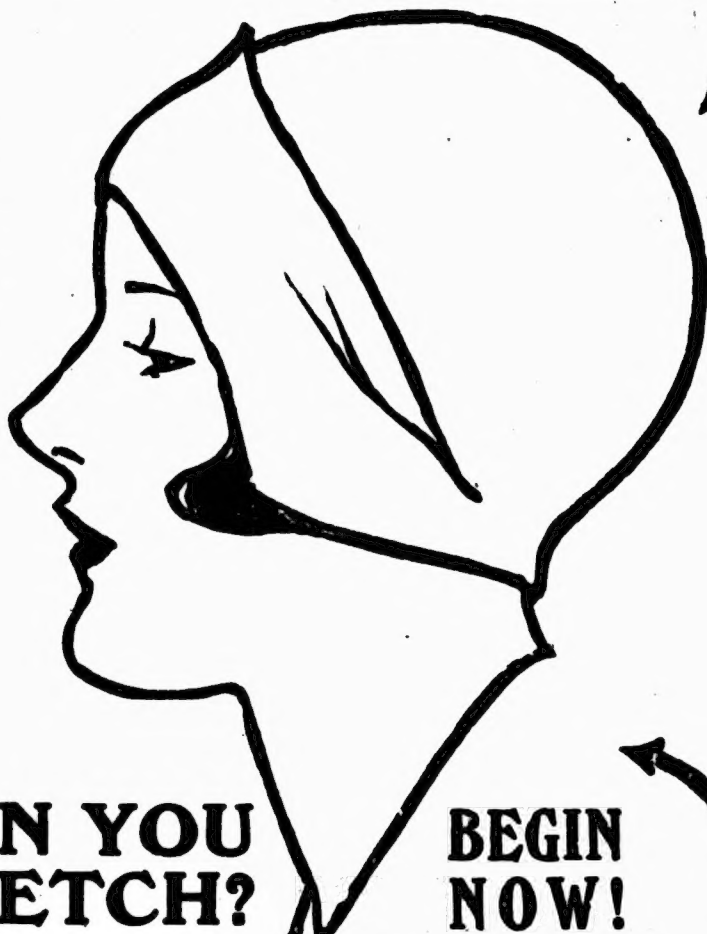
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Clues Across.

- Get away.
- Seen down coal mine.
- Smelled evilly.
- Refuse of grain.
- Pertaining to sight.
- An age.
- Waves do this.
- Place of combat.
- Dodged.
- Speak of dirt.
- Writing fluid.
- Trap.
- Gather.
- Went.
- Mixture.
- Single occasion.
- Undermine.
- Foreigners.
- That which can be repaired.
- Farm servant.

Clues Down.

- Kind of weasel.
- Trophies.
- Sacred music.
- Spore.
- Impair.
- Beware of this in the underground.
- You'll find it in prison.
- To warn.
- Emblem of Wales.
- Hunt.
- Alleg.
- Printer's employee.
- Oblique.
- Illness often affects.
- Required.
- Passed.
- Wanderer's end.
- Part of boat equipment.
- Hockey carriages.
- Immediately.
- Cricketer often carries.

(Odhams's 27th Century Dictionary and the Oxford's Dictionary (latest edition) used in compiling this puzzle.)

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 44.



Result will be published next issue. The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 44 is given here with as matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

When you have completed Crossword try a "Happy X-Word" in "The Evening Show" Friday, 21st. First Prize, £25 for runner-up. THREE attempts for your

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The EDITOR Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

W. L. (Goole).—"What is the hardest thing in roller-skating?" The floor.

F. N. (Streatham).—"I am quite a fair golfer." If you are watched?

KATE (Dawlish).—"What do you think most professional singers suffer from?" Deafness.

S. B. (Coventry).—"He can sign a cheque for four figures." So can a man we know. But who would cash it?

Miss G. D. (Merton).—"My fiancé has money to burn." He should find his match in you.

H. T. (Hampstead).—"My wife always drives when we go out in the car." And when you stop at home as well?

N. B. (Hull).—"I felt silly when a motor-car just missed me." You would have looked sillier if it hadn't.

Miss W. W. (Kingston).—"He is the nicest boy I've ever had." Does he know he is being had?

T. S. (Golders Green).—"I ride on the Underground every day for hours on end." We very seldom get a seat either.

A. H. (Richmond).—"I asked her what she wanted with another new coat." And what was it? Another new hat?

E. K. (Oldham).—"Why does a girl never catch a ball like a man?" Because a man is much easier to catch.

R. F. (Dover).—"Why do some women give a dance every year?" For the pleasure of not inviting certain friends.

G. D. (Stroud).—"We have definitely mastered the air." The vocalist outside our office definitely hasn't.

GLADYS (Kelghley).—"Do men propose to girls on their knees nowadays?" Certainly, if the girls won't get off.

G. R. K. (Harwich).—"Lumbago is the most painful thing that can get you in the back." What about two-seaters?

W. S. (Derby).—"I have a lot of schemes for making money, but none of my schemes will work." Have you ever tried working yourself?

W. A. (Amersham).—"Few of us have the courage to point out our own failings." That shows how brave our neighbours are.

T. V. (Mayfair).—"Club waiters should wear uniforms instead of evening dress." At present it is certainly difficult to distinguish between guests, waiters and policemen making a raid.

F. K. (Marlborough).—"Eggs are used in place of money in some parts of China." Certain difficulties arise when slot machines are used and when football captains toss for choice of ends.

F. J. (Hanwell).—"The bicycle has got cheaper." But it used to be 1½d.

B. K. (Dulwich).—"It takes a plucky man to run away from his wife." Only the brave desert the fair.

W. R. (Kinloss).—"The Englishman is a good loser." Have you ever heard one lose a collar-stud?

S. C. (Frome).—"Notices of my performance were all over the town." Did they begin with the word "Wanted"?

L. B. (Nuneaton).—"I am keeping to the straight and narrow path." Are you a tightrope-walker?

L. B. (Highbury).—"She has had three marriages and three divorces." She moves in the best triangles, as it were.

E. W. (Clapham).—"My wife and I agree on everything." Have you no opinions of your own?

T. N. (Kettering).—"What is the greatest water power known to man?" Woman's tears.

F. L. (Elstree).—"What keeps the stars hot?" Threats to reduce their salaries, of course.

S. A. (Durham).—"In the old days dramatic critics used to sit on the stage." Nowadays they just sit on the dramatist.

T. R. (Oswestry).—"The modern girl is anything but fast." It often takes her thirty years to reach the age of twenty-one.

F. E. (Hendon).—"In ten years, travel by air will be as safe as by motor-car to-day." The railways ought to be doing pretty well then.

ARTIST (Chelsea).—"I am wedded to my art." From the specimens you have sent us it seems that you don't get along very well together.

P. N. (Jarrow).—"I gave my friends a box of cigars each." Yes, that's the best thing to do with some sort of friends.

J. G. G. (Sheffield).—"I'm trying to reduce my weight as I'm training for a race." Try racing for the train on the *Bullets*, page 35. The First Prize-winner is going to put on £850.

H. K. (Hampstead).—"When my play was produced the audience simply sat there open-mouthed." Nonsense—they never yawn all together.

S. D. (Southampton).—"Reno, the divorce city of America, has now made it necessary for divorces to have a three-months residence qualification." That will prevent film stars marrying more than four times a year.

Side-Slips

Examples of genuine unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Obvious printers' errors not wanted. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Slip."

MY WEEKLY:—"A new joy throbbed in his heart to see his Rose welcoming him into the kitchen fire."

TORQUAY HERALD AND EXPRESS:—"Wanted at once ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SINGLE BEDROOM for CHILD 4½."

EVENING TIMES AND ECHO:—"Use TWO HEAPED TABLESPOONSFUL of freshly BOILING WATER."

SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT:—"Shock for 300 passengers. STATION CRASH INTO LOCAL TRAIN."

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST:—"One of the oars of the boat was MISSING when it was FOUND."

CONSULT ME:—"Cork and shake well for TEN DAYS."

KENTISH TIMES:—"The Eltham Imps' Sports Club held a Christmas party at Sherard Hall on Friday, and long before the doors were opened the hall had begun to FILL UP."

SHEPHERD GUARDIAN:—"Two check sorters (female).—Applicants must be UNDER the age of fourteen years and NOT OVER 15 years and six months."

MY POCKET LIBRARY:—"She FLUNG HERSELF DOWN AND WALKED ACROSS to the dressing-table."

SUNDAY CHRONICLE:—"General Frank Sutton, known as ONE-ARMED Sutton, took his life in his HANDS in exciting adventures."



... We've sat opposite cigars like that.

D. G. (Dover).—"Vesuvius is still causing trouble in Italy." Mussolini will have to speak to that mountain yet.

T. G. (Westcliff).—"Lipsticks are said to be poisonous." But women always did love men who defied death.

AIRMAN (Hull).—"I am going after a job as steeplejack." Well, that's one of the jobs where there is plenty of room at the top.

C. H. (Melbourne).—"Two-seater cars are going out of fashion in Australia." Do the kangaroos still have dicky-seats for their children?

MARY G. (Gosport).—"Men are all alike—what you say to them goes in one ear and out of the other." And what is said to a woman goes in one ear and out at the mouth.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

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